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'What counts is what works'

# Blair drops opposition to privatisation

By Philip Webster, political editor

TONY BLAIR formally tore up his party's longstanding opposition to the sale of public assets yesterday, provoking misgivings within old Labour and derision from the Conservatives.

The Labour leader told a City audience: "It is the public interest that is important. What counts is what works." The presumption should be that economic activity was best left to the private sector.

But Mr Blair and his colleagues were branded a bunch "unprincipled scoundrels" by Kenneth Clarke as the Tories stepped up their claims that Labour would say anything to get elected.

Their attacks increased when Gordon Brown confirmed that Labour had an "open mind" about the £500 million privatisation of the air traffic control system - even though the party's transport spokesman had insisted last October that "our air is not for

And although most leftwingers remained silent, their lack of enthusiasm for Mr Blair's conversion to privatisation was apparent in some interviews. Barry Reamsbottom, general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, said that he would put "powerful arguments" to Mr Brown over the sale of the air

traffic system. John Monks, General Secretary of the TUC, seemed to be playing down Labour's shift when he told The World at One on BBC Radio that he would not expect a Labour government to follow the Con-

NEIL HAMILTON and his

wife, Christine, promised to

fight on yesterday after Mar-

tin Bell entered the election

campaign with a pledge to

draw the poison from public

Minutes after Mr Bell pre-

dicted that Mr Hamilton would stand down within 24

hours, the couple appeared on

their doorstep to denounce the

BBC foreign correspondent as

And in the face of polls suggesting Mr Bell could de-

feat Mr Hamilton in the

Tories lifth safest seat, the

Tatton Conservative Associ-

ation issued a statement

promising solid support for

the MP, who faces his adop-

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a Labour stooge.

By Russell Jenkins and Andrew Pierce

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servatives, who were "clearing out every potentially lucrative bit of the public sector".

Margaret Beckett, the industry spokeswoman who is one of the few leftwingers in the Shadow Cabinet, described Mr Blair's remarks as "unexceptional, reasonable and sensible". She described suggestions of a mass sell-off as wild fantasy and said that Mr Brown's pledge to look at the sale of land and property held by government depart-

peared that Mr Bell's appear-

ance had hardened opinion in favour of Mr Hamilton

among Tory activists. Many of

the association's 1,500 mem-

bers seem to resent the arrival

on the scene of a household

name and earlier promises of

a secret ballot tonight were

being reviewed by local

Tory officials in London,

accepting that only the Tatton

association could force Mr

Hamilton's removal, were meanwhile fearful that the

high-profile contest would be a

constant reminder during the

campaign of the sleaze allega-

Government for years.

tions that have dogged the

At a packed press confer-

ence in central London, the

veteran war correspondent,

looking nervous and dressed

in his trademark white suit,

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Hamiltons dismiss Bell as a stooge

"I certainly believe that



"I call him Hamilton

#### ments was not privatisation. but proper management. Mr Brown's claims that he

could raise big sums from a swift inventory of such property were rejected as a red herring by Mr Clarke, who described his shadow as "frankly not up to the job of being Chancellor". Asset sales were already accounted for in government spending plans, Mr Clarke said.

It is understood that in the current financial year there will be some £4 billion of asset sales, including money from the sale of student loan debt. Defence Ministry married quarters and Department of Social Security offices.

Mr Clarke said: "We have succeeded in showing that Labour are a bunch of unprincipled scoundrels. They have no conviction. They will say anything to get elected. The Labour movement is being led by the nose to ever more startling declarations of policy

Mr Blair and his colleagues were unrepentant, claiming that the revision of Clause 4 had paved the way to embracing the private sector. However, there was no hint in the manifesto that Labour would consider privatisating services and industries such as the air traffic system. Parcellorce, Channel Four and other possible candidates mentioned over the past few days.

In his City speech. Mr Blair insisted that there should be no dogmatic belief that either the private or public sector was better. Labour now care fully balanced its commitment to social justice with the commitment to a strong enterprise economy, he said.

where there is no overriding reason for preferring the pub-lic provision of goods and services — particularly where those services operate in a competitive market - then the presumption should be that economic activity is best left to the private sector with market forces being fully encouraged to operate,



because I can never get him to come down"

# Delay fails to dampen National triumph

By CAROL MIDGIFY AND RUSSELL JENKINS

THE 150th Grand National went ahead two days late yesterday after being abandoned on Saturday

because of two IRA bomb scares. John Major, who arrived by helicopter for an unscheduled visit to the Merseyside course and the Princess Royal, who was caught up in the weekend chaos, watched Lord Gyllene, ridden by Tony Dobbin. win

by 25 lengths, at 14-1. After the race the jockeys, who were

applauded by 20,000 punters allowed in free, raised their hands and clapped in return. Aintree veterans said they had never heard a louder roar from the stands than when the first horse passed the winning post.

Punters, many of whom had not

been able to afford to visit Aintree before, queued for hours to gain entry. At one point the line stretched as far as Walton, the neighbouring town. Many from other parts of the country had stayed on Merseyside since Saturday to see the race. Massive security surrounded the event.

The Prime Minister, who interrupted his election campaign to drop in at Aintree, said: "This is a message, No. one can bomb the British people out of their habits and traditions."

The 24-year-old winning jockey. who comes from Downpatrick, Co Down, described his victory as "the best moment of my life so far.

Lord Gyllene was trained by Steve Brookshaw, a former amateur jockey. His father, Peter, won a race at Aintree in 1950 and his brother trained a big winner at the Cheltenham Festival in 1984. His late uncle Tim, a champion

jump jockey in the 1950s, once finished second at Aintree on Wyndburgh, riding the final third of the course without a saddle. But in 1963 he was paralysed in a fall at the National

Winning owner Stan Clarke, 63, chairman of Newcastle and Uttoxeter racecourses, bought Lord Gyllene after seeing a videotape of him race when the New Zealand-bred horse was still in his home country.

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#### Goldfinger' Palmer detained by police

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

**DETECTIVES** were last night questioning John "Gold-linger" Palmer, who built up a fortune after being acquitted of melting down gold bars from Britain's biggest bullion robbery. Christine Ketley, 36, his girlfriend was also arrested.

Officers from Scotland Yard's organised crime squad were interviewing Mr Palmer, 47, over an alleged £25-million timeshare fraud involving as many as 10,000 victims. He was arrested after going to Holborn police station in central London with his solicitor. Mr Palmer, a jeweller and

gold dealer, was cleared ten years ago of handling gold bars stolen in the £26-million Brink's Mat robbery near Heathrow Airport in 1983. Part of that haul was found to have been melted down in a private furnace at his Bath

mansion. He left the country but was arrested and tried when he returned. He was cleared of the Brink's Mat charges after the jury accepted that he did not know where the gold came from.

He had been accused of playing a key role in converting part of the Brink's Mat haul from gold into cash by melting it down with a quantity of copper in order to disguise its purity. He was also charged with arranging for the metal to be given a new hallmark and of selling it on the legitimate gold market described as jewellers' scrap.

This week Mr Palmer was ranked at number 51 in The Sunday Times guide to Britain's 1,000 richest people. The newspaper said his fortune was estimated at £300 million from his Tenerife timeshare

#### Africa 'is facing air catastrophe'

South African airline pilots backed by the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations - have again issued a warning about the likelihood of "catastrophic accidents" in African airspace caused by the breakdown of air traffic control systems across the continent... Page 12

#### Hopes of orgasm pill for women

Scientists are holding out the prospect of an orgasm pill for women after discovering the chemical that tells the brain about sexual arousal. The drug, which could be avail-able within 12 years, could be used as painkiller...

#### Pound surges

The pound surged past its old European exchange-rate mechanism floor yesterday, reaching its highest level

Mr Myojin, born in Nagoya, Japan, has spent all his working life

in London since graduating from university in Tokyo in 1973. In 1991, he

made Salomon \$450 million — nearly

half of its pre-tax profits. In 1994, he

was paid \$20 million and announced

that he was retiring. But he changed

his mind when offered a directorship.

He is still not the world's best-paid

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# \$31 million is merchant bank's sweetener for Sugar

By RICHARD THOMSON

AND JON ASHWORTH

AN EXECUTIVE at Salomon Brothers in London was paid \$31 million (£19 million) last year.

Shigeru Myojin, known as "Sugar" to his colleagues, runs Salomon's proprietary trading and risk management operations, in which the bank bets its own money in the financial markets. He has been earning vast sums for years, but managed to avoid the limelight until he joined the board

in 1995, allowing details of his income to be laid bare.

The flamboyant 47-year-old trader

drives a Ferrari and has been known to ride a bicycle around the dealing room. He occasionally appears at the bank's offices above Victoria Station wearing a US Army helmet and wielding a baseball bat.

His pay packet includes \$520,000 in salary. \$10 million bonus, \$2.06 million in shares, and \$18.8 million in deferred payments - far outstripping the \$11.5 million paid to Deryck

- a trend criticised by the Bank of England as a "one-way bet". Warren Buffett, who owns 9.4 per cent of Salomon, has also tried to turn the tide. In the early 1990s, he attempted to

worldwide operations.

Maughan, who runs Salomon's

A surge in merger activity has

guaranteed huge bonuses in the City

cut what he regarded as the vastly inflated salaries for which Salomon had become famous. But more than 50 executives resigned, and Mr Buffett had to return to the old pay scales.

investment banker, however. Joe Roby, head of the Wall Street firm Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette, received \$33 million last year.

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# Butchers say new E. coli rules will close shops

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AND SHIRLEY ENGLISH

Report expected to recommend strict separation of raw and cooked meat

MANY of the 12,000 small butcher's shops may close because of new regulations expected today in the report on the E. coli epidemic, it was claimed yesterday.

The National Federation of Meat and Food Traders. which represents 3,000 butchers, said new safeguards could prove too expensive for a large number of small businesses. The report is also expected to be critical of government delays in implementing food safety guidelines, and to recommend tougher hygiene

farmers. Michael Forsyth, the Scottish Secretary, will unveil the report this afternoon. It will broadly retain the interim recommendations issued in January by the committee of inquiry chaired by Hugh Pennington, a microbiologist at Aberdeen University.

An important recommendation was the separation of raw and cooked products, with different staff, counters, refrigerators and cutting equipment. A new licensing system for shops was also suggested. The final report is expected to soften the recommendation on separate staff, saying this should be achieved "wherever possible" rather than being

mandatory. Cross-contamination between fresh and cooked meat is thought to have been the main cause of the most serious of the E. coli outbreaks, which claimed 18 lives and affected more than 400 people in Lanarkshire. Three other

people have been killed by E. coli recently.

John Fuller, director of the National Federation of Meat and Food Traders, said: Small butcher's shops do not have the financial resources to fund extra staff and do not have the space to accommodate separate counters and refrigerators for fresh and

Gavin Strang, the Shadow Agriculture Minister, said the E. coli outbreaks and BSE presented an "unanswerable

case" for an independent Food Safety Agency. Dr Strang accused the Government of failing to enforce food safety regulations and of "running

down" food safety research. Professor Pennington is expected to emphasise the need for animals to be clean before slaughter. E. coli is found in the stomach and intestines of livestock and can be present in faeces and urine.

The interim report made only passing reference to the possible role of poor hygiene

in abattoirs. But at that time Professor Pennington was unaware of a damning report on abattoir conditions compiled in 1995 by the Meat Hygiene Service. The report, never published in full, was disclosed only last month.

Ann Foster, director of the Scottish Consumer Council and a member of Professor Pennington's committee, said: Attempting to get consistently high standards in abantoirs. where the initial contamination takes place, will be a

central issue of our report? Supermarkets yesterday said they would be willing to review hygiene procedures for raw and cooked meat although they considered their existing safeguards sufficient to eliminate risk of cross-

of sex harassment

unwritten policy against this applicant."

WPC accuses bosses

A policewoman suffered a three-year campaign of sexual and verbal harassment from her superiors intended to drive her out of the force, an industrial tribunal was told

WPC Sharron Empson, 34, who is now on extended sick leave from her job at Doncaster, was targeted by five officers "whose intention was to rid the force of this officer by hook or by crook" said her solicitor, Tina Martin. "There was an

Louise Varty, a solicitor for South Yorkshire Police, said:

These are individual acts, disparate and committed by different people. What is alleged cannot be interpreted as a

policy or practice." Alan Simpson, the tribunal chairman, dismissed all but three of the allegations saying they had

been made outside the permitted three-month time limit. He

said: There is no common thread between those acts. She

believes there was a policy to get rid of her but she could not identify the common thread." The remaining allegations

will be heard at a resumed tribunal at a date to be set.

Surgeon attacks Evans

Chris Evans, the media celebrity, has been accused of

inciting his fans to make fun of people less attractive than

themselves. Professor Duncan McGrouther, a plastic surgeon, says Evans' "Ugly Bloke" slot on his TFI Friday

show demonstrates how people can be encouraged to pick

on the disfigured. Writing in the British Medical Journal, Professor McGrouther, of University College, says pressure to conform to a "look" diminishes the value of those who fail

to measure up to it. "Incitement to pick on the disfigured is widespread — Chris Evans' Ugly Bloke feature is a gross

example. Were film-makers to tackle race or sex in the way they tackle beauty or ugliness they would be prosecuted."

Prince returns in peace

The Duke of York will return to the cruise liner Canberra in

contamination. A Sainsbury's spokesman said: "All our staff already use separate utensils and weighing equipment and wash their hands between operations. There are some stores where bacon and sausages are sold

from the delicatessen counter alongside cooked meats, and we would always be willing to review procedures in the light of expert opinion."

Tesco said fresh and cooked meat counters were partitioned rather than separate and refrigerators were com-partmentalised. "We believe that our existing procedures are enough to ensure there is no risk of contamination," a spokesman said.

"If the final Pennington report recommends total physical separation of staff and equipment, we would have to comply, but it would add to costs."

# **Archbishops** appeal for church arson attacks to end

By Nicholas Watt, Chief Ireland Correspondent

RELIGIOUS leaders in Northern Ireland united yesterday in condemnation of loyalist arsonists after another Roman Catholic church was badly damaged.

The 226-year-old Church of the Immaculate Conception at Muliavilly, Co Armagh, was the fifth Catholic church to be attacked in less than a week. Archbishop Robin Eames, Primate of the Church of Ireland, visited the ruins of the small church to commiserate with Archbishop Sean Brady, the Roman Catholic Primate of All

Dr Earnes described the attack as a symbol of "naked, corrosive sectarianism". He said: "I would urge everyone who has any leadership that now is the time when Northern Ireland needs voices of vision ... if these attacks continue our society will be dragged into a new nightmare of division and suffering."

Dr Brady urged against retaliation. "I am sad, shocked and angry at this attack on a peaceful community, where the people are devastated. But we are heartened by the support and the sympathy offered by people from all sides of the community. Many came here to express their

ening sign."
Within hours a Church of Ireland hall at Dungiven. Co when a furniture store outside was set ablaze. The hall was shortly to reopen after being damaged in an attack last

At the weekend arsonists destroyed one Catholic church in Co Antrim and damaged another near by. A Baptist church building in east Belfast was destroyed last week, and a Church of Ireland hall in Co Tyrone was damaged.

Father Kieran MacOscar, parish priest at Mullavilly, was told about the fire by a parishioner who woke him in the early hours yesterday. He said: "Our church is completely destroyed; only four walls

The Rev Brian Harper, the local Church of Ireland rector, who lives close to the church, was appalled by the attack. There is no way the Protestant community here would want anything like this. It will only serve to strengthen local community relations. When disasters like this happen everyone binds together." Seamus Mallon, deputy

leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, compared the arsonists to the Klu Klux Klan. Speaking after visiting the church, which is in the Newry and Armach constituency he has represented "I feel sadness and anger that a small community like this should be subjected once



Archbishop Brady, left, visiting the burnt-out church at Mullavilly yesterday with Father Kieran MacOscar

#### M6 bombs contained 4lb of Semtex

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

TWO bombs planted under the M6 by the IRA each contained 2lb of commercial explosives which, if detonated, would have caused extensive damage to the road. The devices, which failed to explode, brought chaos to the busiest section of road in Europe last week and caused widespread traffic disruption across the

was probably Semtex. One of the bombs was attached to a support column of the M6 near Bescot. If it had exploded it would have caused extensive damage to the column and the motorway would

have had to be closed for repair work. Anti-terrorist officers have also traced the telephone box from which the IRA terrorists made calls to two hotels in Walsall, warning that a bomb would explode under the motorway on Thursday, Bob Packham, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) in the West Midlands, said: "We now believe that the telephone calls, which have now been claimed by the IRA, were made from telephone boxes in Manzoni Gardens, near Birmingham

Police yesterday interviewed people in the area around Manzoni Gardens and forensic experts have searched the telephone boxes. The calls were made at 8am on Thursday. Mr Packham said: "We

have already had interview teams looking for witnesses this morning. I am appeal-ing to anyone who was in that vicinity last Thursday morning to contact police immediately.

He said that the public needed to remain vigilant and to report anything suspicous to the police. He warned:
"Terrorism can take many forms."

Police declined to confirm whether they believe the same people are responsible for the recent spate of terrorist incidents, including the hoax call which forced the abandonment of the Grand National on Saturday and the bomb explosions at Wilmslow in Cheshire.

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Southampton today for the first time since he landed his helicopter on the deck of the ship during the Falklands War. The Duke, who I5 years ago was a Royal Navy helicopter pilot flying in support of the task force, will be among 350 guests at a dinner on board Canberra. The dinner is being hosted by Lord Sterling of Plaistow, the P&O chairman, and is being held to commemorate the fifteenth anniversary of the commissioning of Canberra and five other P&O ships for the Falklands campaign. After the dinner, Le Admiral of the Fleet, and Baroness Thatcher will speak.

#### Pilot error caused crash

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Pilot error was to blame for the mid-air collision of two £20 million RAF Tornado jets in a training attack soon after take-off from RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire, in January 1996, the crash report said yesterday. An experienced fighter pilot, who was converting to the Tornado F3 jet, locked his radar on to a second, "enemy". Tornado. But he descended out of his 12,000ft "height box" before making visual contact and glimpsed the second Tornado only half a second before impact. The "enemy" pilot also overestimated the distance to the other aircraft. Two of the aircrew were seriously injured: the other two suffered minor injuries.

#### Quarry murder charge

A man was charged yesterday with the murder of Louise Smith, 18, whose naked body was found in a stone quarry at Yate, near Bristol. An Avon and Somerset police spokesman said: "A 21-year-old man has been charged with her murder and a serious sex assault which arises from the same incident. He has been detained overnight in custody."

# Fire risk to countryside

By Nick Nuttall

MORE than a hundred firemen battled a blaze that affected 60 acres of forest and heathland in Berskhire yesterday, triggering concern that beauty spots across the country could face serious from the dry

Fire crews faced difficulties in containing the fire at Crowthorne, near Broadmoor hospital, because of problems in getting water appliances

into the woods. They used firebreaks to control the flames, which were being fanned by strong winds. The fire, believed to have been started by a discarded cigarette, was brought under control late yesterday afternoon.

The fire, believed to be the first sizeable one in England this year, comes after the driest two-year period on record. Firefighters were also called to Yarner Wood nature reserve, near Bovey Tracey, Devon, yesterday. The Royal

Society for the Protection of Birds urged the public to be careful with matches and cigarettes. It said heathland wildlife, including birds such as nighjars and Dartford

warblers, were vulnerable. The warning came as farmers in Essex claimed the dry conditions were threatening their barley and wheat crop. On the Clacton peninsula less than half a millimetre of rain has fallen recently.

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# Hamiltons dismiss Bell

Continued from page I said he was responding to the wishes of ordinary people by

standing.
Mr Bell, 58. did not expect the contest to go the distance and he predicted that Mr Hamilton would be out of the race by tomorrow. He would then stand down. "My belief is that I am the shortest-lived political candidate with the shortest-lived political career you will ever see and by Wednesday morning it will all

be over," he said. However, he

promised that he would serve his full term as an MP if elected, although he would rather dodge bullets in sniper's alley in Bosnia" than fight

the election campaign.
Minutes later Mrs Hamilton, accompanied by her husband and their friend the Coronation Street actor William Roache, told reporters outside her Cheshire home: "If you think we are going to chicken out three-and-a-half weeks before polling day, you

shoulder fighting in this con-stituency and it is a complete nonsense for Martin Bell to flip in here and think he can win. The reason I am speaking is that Neil cannot speak to the cameras due to the Representation of the People Act.

"Martin Bell has nothing whatsoever to do with Tatton ... Why should my husband stand down when he is totally innocent? This is all because Liberal and Labour don't want to talk about the real issues."



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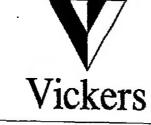
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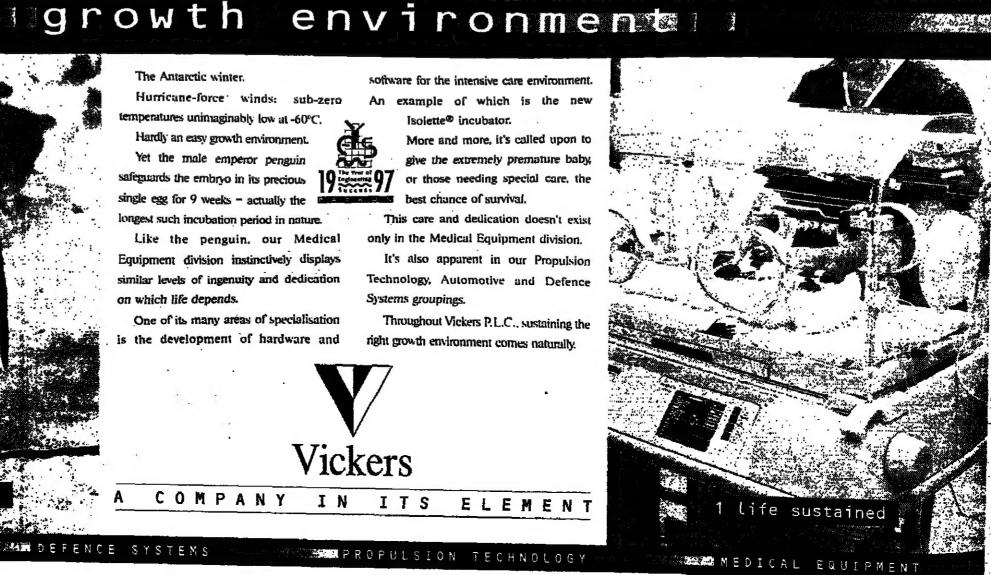
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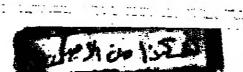


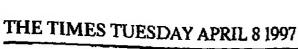
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# Minicab driver jailed for series of sex attacks on lone women

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

A MINICAB driver was jailed yesterday for 14 years for a series of sex attacks on women that he made after he had driven them home.

Over four years Devis Barthram chose to assault single women who were young, living alone and not in a relationship. In 1987 he had been jailed for 18 months for assaulting a woman while posing as a jogger. Barthram admitted attack-

assment

ing four women but police suspect he could be responsible for other offences committed against women.
Judge Denison, Common

Serjeant of London, told Barthram at the Old Bailey: "Over four and a half years you used your employment as a minicab driver to identify women who lived alone and then sexually assaulted them. The effects are appallingly serious and in most cases very long lasting. Some of your victims may never completely recover from the effects of your Barthram, 34, of Hainault

in Essex, admitted one rape, three indecent assaults and a burglary. He had originally faced another charge of rape and other indecent assaults. which he had denied. The Crown Prosecution Service did not proceed with those charges, which included an attack on a 15-year-old girl.

John Black, for the prosecution, said that three women had positively identified Barthram as the man who had broken into their homes and attacked them while they slept. He said that after Barthram's pleas it would not be in the public interest to try him for the offences, as this would only put the women through the harrowing ordeal of giving evidence in public. Barthram was caught after

indecent phone calls were In January 1991, while



Barthram: threatened to kill his victims 6 I know where you live. If you tell anyone, I will come and get you 🤊

working with Redbridge Radio cars in east London, he singled out a secretary, aged 22, from Walthamstow in east London. As she returned from work, Barthram attacked her from behind, pushed her through her front door and warned her: "If you scream, l'il kill you".

She was crying and frozen with fear before Barthram raped her. As he left her house, he said: "I know where you live. If you tell anyone, I will come and get you." The woman still suffers nightmares.

In 1993 he attacked a sales assistant, aged 25, in her home at Wanstead, Essex. He leapt on her bed, put his hand over her mouth and told her he was armed with a knife. The woman was then stripped

#### Oasis star has his morning glory in private

عكذا من الأجليد

By BILL FROST

LIAM GALLAGHER and Patsy Kensit, Britpop's most turbulent couple, rose early yesterday hoping to end a media feeding frenzy over their stormy courtship and begin a new life together as man and wife.

naked. Judge Denison was

told that the woman has been traumatised by her ordeal and

was now terrified of the slight-

in December 1994, Bar-

thram attacked a hairdresser,

aged 25, living in a ground-floor flat in Hord, Essex. She

had left her patio door open

for her cat and was asleep on

her sofa. Barthram, who was wearing a hood over his head.

put his hand on her mouth

and told her to "keep quiet".

Ronald Thwaites, QC, miti-

self-loathing. He had been

deserted by his girlfriend and

Outside the court, Detective

Constable Tony Crofts said that police believed that

Barthram carried out long-

term surveillance on his vic-

tims. "He knew who these

women were. He knew their

habits. He knew exactly what

their movements were and

waited his opportunity. It is a terrifying thought for any woman," he said. The Public Carriage Office licenses all drivers of black

taxis in London and during

the application process police check if an applicant has a

criminal record. There is no

screening of people driving

minicabs, as they are

Under the Police Bill, which

received the Royal Assent last

month, a Criminal Records

Agency is to be created. An

employer will be able to ask a

job applicant to provide a

criminal conviction certificate.

which will show information

about unspent convictions.

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est noise.

The Oasis singer - who shares an estimated £40 million fortune with his brother Noel - and the actress went through a simple marriage ceremony at Westminster Register Office in Marylebone Road at about 8.30am. The only guests present were the witnesses, friends named as Colin Radeliffe and Mr

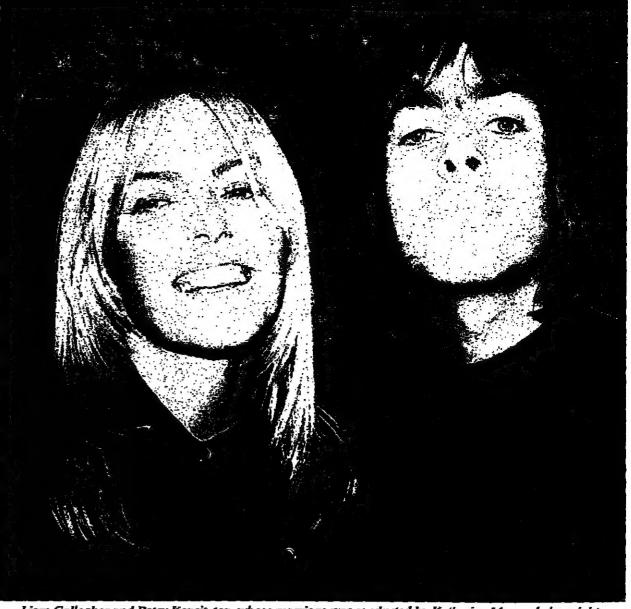
The woman managed to fight Gallagher's brother and feloff Barthram. After more than low band member Noel was two years, she was still unable fast asleep when the marriage to sleep properly at nights. took place. Appearing outside Four months later Barthram attacked a dress his house in Belsize Park, north London, he congratulated the newlyweds. "It is brilliant, really great. But it designer, aged 26, in her home Woodford, Essex. He pinned her down on her bed was really too early. I wasn't but she fought back and he there. I was in bed," he said. ran off, stealing some of her

The marriage certificate stated that Liam John Paul Gallagher, 24, "a bachelor gating, said Barthram was and musician of 8 St John's now friendless and full of and Wood Terrace," had married Patricia Jude Francis (sic) Kensit. She gave her age as 29 and listed her profession as actress. She lives at the same address as Mr Gallagher. The certificate said her previous marriage, to Jim Kerr, singer with the band Simple Minds, in 1992, had been dissolved. The marriage lasted four

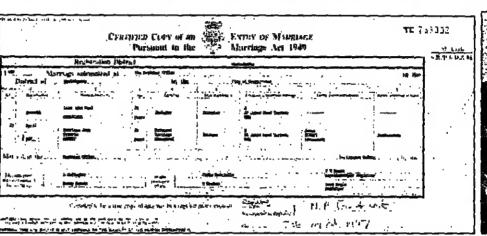
years.
"Liam and Patsy did not invite any friends or family to the ceremony," the band's record company said. "Nor will there be a party or honeymoon because the couple are too busy. It was totally, totally private with just them and the registrar. They chose that office because it is the appropriate one of the area in which they live."

This is Ms Kensit's third marriage - she wed Dan Donovan from the band Big Audio Dynamite in Scarborough. North Yorkshire, in 1988. The marriage lasted three months.

The groom's family agreed to stay away "to prevent the news leaking out". Peggy can say is good luck to them. I



Liam Gallagher and Patsy Kensit, top, whose marriage was conducted by Katherine Mason, below right



"When Liam rang this morning and said he and Patsy were married, I was just delighted. He told me he was happy and he hoped that I would be happy for them. I said, 'As long as you're happy then I'm happy'. Both of them seemed over the moon. All 1

Gallagher, his mother, said: hope it will all turn out well for them." Katharine Mason, the superintendent registrar, des-

cribed yesterday's ceremony as "very private and very personal". She refused to give they managed to get away without any photographers details of the bride's dress or seeing them, or any bother. the couple's rings, saying she They simply wanted to make had been sworn to secrecy.
"We would do the same thing a commitment to each other without any hassle," she said.

for any couple. I just dealt with them myself and didn't Meanwhile, a punter from Telford who staked £140 on the couple to marry during 1997 at odds of 3/1 yesterday let anyone else know about it - even my busband. "They were overjoyed that made a profit of £420.

Hill's are now offering odds of 5/4 for the Gallaghers to still be married at the turn of the century, and 50/1 that they will celebrate their golden

## hostage in escape wins £14 m award

By Paul Wilkinson

THE Home Office yesterday agreed to pay almost £4 miltion damages to a former prison officer who was attacked by a prisoner downgraded to a lower security rating so he could be trans-ported in a minibus instead of a secure prison van. While supervising prisoners

being moved from Leeds to Durham in 1990, Sidney Birchall was pinned on the floor of the minibus and forced to surrender the handcuff keys with a shard of pottery held to

York County Court was told that Mr Birchall. 47, suffered post-traumatic stress disorder and has been unable to work. Yesterday the Home Office admitted liability and agreed to pay £245,000 damages in an out-of-court settlement.

Mr Birchall said that he had requested a secure vehicle when he learned one of the prisoners was an armed robber and classified as a potential escaper, but was told that none was available. Instead the prisoner was reclassified. Mr Birchall was held hos-

tage until the prisoners abandoned the minibus and hijacked a car. He chased them and later they were caught by police. His solicitor yesterday said no amount of damages could compensate

## Officer held | Husband strangled wife denied bed in mental hospital

By Lan Jenkins

A DEVOTED husband who endured 30 years of his wife's manic depression and strangled her days after she was refused admission to a mental hospital was jailed for four

years yesterday.

Canterbury Crown Court
was told that it would not be in the public interest to seek a murder conviction after John Clark, 59, a Kent County Council highways inspector. admitted manslaughter on grounds of provocation.

Clark told police after he killed his wife, Mary, 52, that he was at his wits' end from lack of support from the authorities. He said he had continued his 33-year marriage because he had wed "for better or worse".

In October 1995 the couple spent a morning gardening, ate Sunday lunch at their home in Sevenoaks, Kent, and had planned a trip to Penshurst Place, an historic house. Clark was anxious about the visit because his wife's illness made her prone to mood swings and violence, and she appeared to sense that.

He told police: "She came at me with her hand out. She grabbed me by the mouth. Her hand was like a claw. I bit her finger and she yelped, and pulled it out.

"She was flailing and lashing. I grabbed her around the neck. I was amazed, within a few seconds she was floppy. I thought she was goating. She had gone all limp so I straightened her out and I said, 'Come on, you are all right', but then I saw she wasn't and I couldn't

feel a puise." When an ambulance crew arrived Clark said: "She came at me and I squeezed her throat. She is a manic depressive. I cannot put up with any more. I have had enough."

Three days earlier he had taken his wife to Pembury Hospital after a community psychiatric nurse had advised admission, but more senior medical advice disagreed. In the year before her death Mrs Clark had been admitted to a psychiatric ward twice as a sectioned patient and once voluntarily. Her illness made her abusive, aggressive, hyperactive and incoherent.

Andrew Patience, QC. for the prosecution, said: "She didn't do such things because she liked it but because she was a prisoner of her own illness. The defendant remained loyal throughout all these years having clearly much to put up with.

Nicholas Valios, QC, for the defence, said Clark could not believe his wife had died. "He was deeply in love with his wife. He still misses her greatly and despite the history he would never have a wrong thing said about her."

#### Telephone suitor is jailed for persistence

By A STAFF REPORTER

REJECTED suitor who thought love should last for ever telephoned his former university sweetheart 142 times in a day. Nicholas Collier played music and spouted poetry in the unwel-

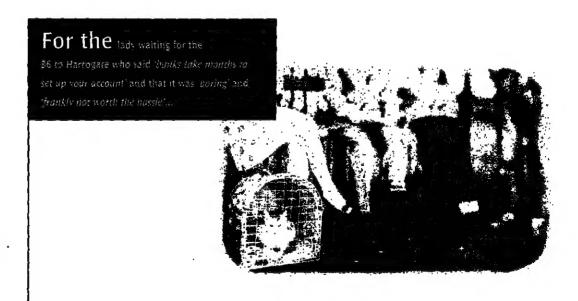
Yesterday Collier, 22, was jailed for two months for his remorseless campaign to win back the affections of Olivia Shaw, 21. At Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, central London, he admitted six charges of making nuisance calls to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless

anxiety.
Collier, of Kensington, West
London, was said to have a
privileged, public-school background, but his parents were divorced. A relationship with Miss Shaw at Bradford University ended after eight months. Two weeks later, he started phoning her at her parents' home in Kent and at her student accommodation to get her to agree to a reconciliation.

After three months, she contacted police. In a state-ment, she said: "Nicholas has made hundreds of calls at all hours. The distress affected my work and my life."

Collier told police: "I just keep calling her because she knows deep down in her soul

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# Lover boy threatened by 'thrill pill'

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MEN, already facing redundancy in the

reproduction department because of cloning could be rendered completely superfluous by a female orgasm pill. Two scientists from Rutgers University in New Jersey have discovered the body chemical that transmits word of sexual arousal to the female brain. Within 12

years vasoactive intestinal peptide could be available in pill form. Beverly Whipple and Barry Komisaruk found that orgasms can be transmitted to the brain by the wide-

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studying a group of women who had been paralysed by back injuries. Spinal injury victims were thought to

be incapable of having orgasms, but the Rutgers researchers found otherwise. "Contrary to what people may think, we discovered that women in the study who were paralysed and had no feeling below the chest area were, in fact, capable of having non-genital orgasm." Professor Komisaruk said.

Their experiments identified the neurotransmitter vasoactive intestinal peptide as the chemical that enabled the women to reach such a state. Professor Komisaruk, a psychologist, said that it ranging vagus nerve as well as the spinal was now possible that an orgasm drug - one. New York newspaper yesterday

could be produced, not only for the obvious reasons, but also as a painkiller: during moments of sexual arousal, the brain often ignores pain.

Development of any such pill would need prolonged investment, probably by a major pharmaceuticals company. Professor Komisaruk said. He and Professor Whipple are continuing their research, which is still at the "basic" stage, on laboratory rats.

Professor Whipple, who in 1982 wrote a well-received book. The G-Spot and Other Recent Discoveries About Human Sexuality, said that the research could eventually help women with neurological problems to lead healthy sex lives.

# nations off their debts, bishops say

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Roman Catholic bishops of England and Wales yesterday called for action to clear the debts of poorer nations.

The bishops, at their annual post-Easter meet-ing in London, said: "We urge the Government to continue to press for long-term solutions which would allow these countries to achieve debt sustainability, and to press for the cancellation of the unpayable debts of the impoverished

Calling for generous apthe World Bank and the International Monetary Fund scheme, for banks and other creditors to donate cash to help resolve the debts, the bishops said:

The start of the new millennium should be a time to give hope to impoverished people, and to put behind us the mistakes of lenders and borrowers."

# Let poorest Rural churches pin hopes of revival on £12.5m grant

MORE than 150 rural church other conservation bodies recbuildings will benefit from £12.5 million of lottery money if a bid by the Rural Churches in Community Service to the Millennium Commission is successful. The bid is being backed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and the Church and Community Trust, an ecumenical Christian charity aimed at keeping churches as part of their communities.

Stan Evans, director of the trust, which organised a conference in Westminster yesterday, said: "We want churches to be well-loved and well-used, to return them to their oncecentral role in communities."

Jane Kennedy, a trustee of the Church and Community Trust and the surveyor at Ely Cathedral, said: "The church building is often the oldest building in a rural community and carries the traditions of the past into the present and future, English Heritage and ognise the need to meet contemporary requirements and thought-out and sensitive proposals such as those which the bid will encourage."

One beneficiary of the funding could be the 12th-century priory of St Mary and St Blaise at Boxgrove, West Sus-sex. Although the priory is large, beautiful and the secand-most important church in the Chichester diocese after the cathedral, it has none of the supporting staff, endowments or income enjoyed by a

Founded by Benedictines from Normandy in 1117, the priory now serves a congrega-tion of 180 in a village with a population of 800. Its acoustics make it popular for concert recordings but there are no office or other facilities.

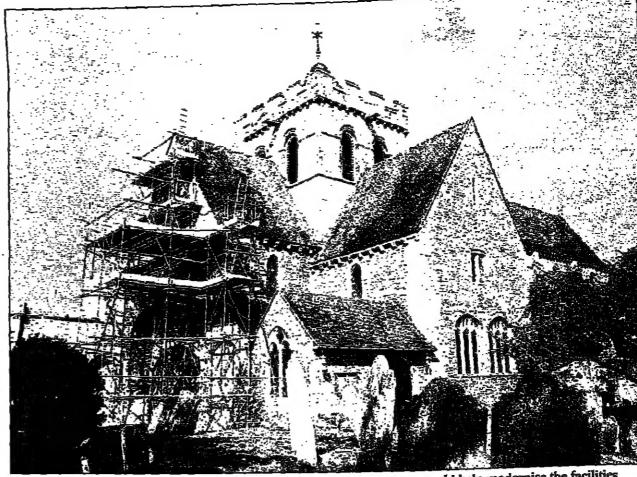
only part-time.

The lottery money would be

meeting room, and an office with desktop publishing. fax and Internet facilities. Jane Hald, a churchwarden, said: The problem is we have this beautiful, incredible church but with no kitchen, toilet or meeting rooms and a congregation of 180. We welcome a large number of visitors each year, and if we had an office we could get a lot more out of the priory."
She said £60,000 had al-

ready been raised and £75,000 millennium funding was being sought. English Heritage gives the priory grant aid and has put Boxgrove on its pilgrim tourist trail for this year's anniversary celebra-tions of the arrival in England of St Augustine, the missionary sent from Rome who founded the see of Canterbury

Because the priory is a Grade I listed building, no



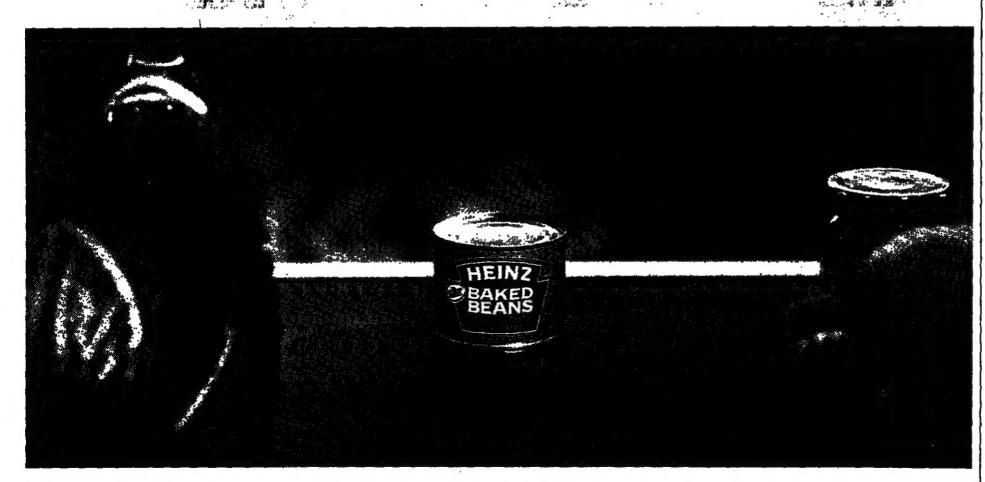
Boxgrove Priory, West Sussex, founded 880 years ago. Lottery money could help modernise the facilities

sufficient funds, the proposed new buildings will be con-structed on the site of an old donkey stable behind the been donated and if the office is built, villagers will have access to it for word processing, desktop publishing and accessing the Internet. The priory is one of 168 rural

churches, nearly all Church of England, which included in the bid for the lottery money which the Millennium Commission distributes. Other

cilities at a Warwickshire church, a visitor centre at a countryside church in Cum-

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# Nurse jailed for . animal cruelty at pet sanctuary

A NURSE was jailed for six months yesterday for causing unnecessary suffering to animals in her pet sanctuary.

RSPCA investigators found starving horses lying in fields, dozens of dogs crammed into a small caravan and a crippled donkey hobbling around on its ankles. One horse, Sunshine, and a dog had to be put down

immediately.

Jane Nichols, 50, was hanned from ever keeping animals again. The magistrates also issued a warrant without bail for the arrest of her son Keyin, 26, who failed to appear in court for sentence. He and his mother had been jointly found guilty of 11 counts of cruelty at an earlier

Nichols, who presented her wrong as she appeared for sentence. She ran her sanctuary at Cookswood, Co Durham, where she lived in a caravan in an adjoining field. The court heard that when RSPCA inspectors raided the site there were at least 30

starving dogs in one caravan. In a nearby hut, emaciated cats were found without food and water, their litter trays overflowing. They were taken into RSPCA care.

Nichols cried in court as she said: "I have never ill-treated any animals. I used to walk all over the place to get food for

The RSPCA will now have to find homes for a further 40



Nichols: banned from keeping animals

dogs, several cats and six horses, which were being removed yesterday.

David Balls, chairman of the magistrates, told Nichols: "You failed to provide reasonable care for any of these faced with all the evidence and photographs showing how bad the animals were you continue to protest your

Michael Moreland, for the prosecution, said: "This is the worst sort of cruelty because it was sustained. It worries me that even after conviction she is still in the frame of mind where she says she has done nothing wrong. She is not a fit person to keep animals,"

Inspector Ian Smith of the RSPCA said: "The sentence shows the severity of the case and we are pleased with it. As an organisation we are about £11,000 out of pocket through this. But that is our job."

#### Legend blamed on monkey business

FOR more than two centuries, the citizens of Hartiepool have tried to live down the tale of a hanged monkey. Now research suggests the story was a wicked capitalist plot to smear fishermen embroiled in a dispute at the former port on Teesside.

Legend says that during the war with 18th-century revolutionary France, a French ship was wrecked off the coast. The only survivor was a monkey. dressed, in the tradition of the time, as a sailor. Fear of the Frenchies was high and, mistaking the poor animal's gibbering for an alien lan-guage, the locals hanged it as French spy.

Aimee Jackson, a film-maker from Guisborough, a few miles down the coast, is planning a television docu-

mentary to set the record straight. She said yesterday: "There is a lengthy gap between when the hanging was supposed to have taken place and the first written record.

The dispute between the local fishermen and the Hartlepool Dock Board became very bitter and the company used to refer to the fishermen as 'aquatic monkeys'. It might be that they developed this into the monkey tale to blacken the name of the fisher-

Miss Jackson, 25, has turned her research into a screenplay that has attracted the attentions of Channel 4. She said: There are other places with similar legends, including Cornwall and Scotland, which would suggest it is not a true story."



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# Rich reward for staff who made life less of a chore

DOROTHEA COPPING was brought up in an age when loyalty counted for something. and when she died she rewarded her faithful servants handsomely. Her housekeep-er, gardener and a former chauffeur will receive a total of £175,000 from an estate valued

Joyce Twiddy, who cared for Mrs Copping's homes for a quarter of a century, will receive £75,000. Russell Copsey and Eric Pospischil will each receive £50,000. None of the three has yet given thought to what they will do with the gifts, which they described as

totally unexpected.

Mrs Copping died in De-cember aged 81. Her late husband, Bernard, made his fortune running Comyn. a silver and goldsmith, which supplied jewellers such as

Asprey and Garrard.
The couple, who had no children, lived at Morston Hall, near Cromer, Norfolk, until Mr Copping died in 1986. Mrs Copping, who could speak nine languages, took her domestic staff with her



Dorothea Copping, shown in her late 20s, bequeathed £50,000 to Eric Pospischil, her busband's chauffeur

bedroom home overlooking the sea at nearby Blakeney. She lived quietly in the

village, where she made unpublicised donations to two local churches, wrote chil-drens books and worked for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Her will included bequests to a godson, her husband's god-daughter and

friends in Germany.

Mrs Twiddy, of Lanham,

Norfolk, said yesterday: "I

worked for her daily, some times for the whole day and other times just a couple of hours. She was lovely to work

for and I never expected her to leave me anything."

Mr Copsey, 63, worked for Mrs. Copping for 18 years, tending her two-acre garden at Morston Hall and later her one-acre plot at Blakeney where he planted 7,000 tulip bulbs. He maintained three greenhouses and 650 plant pots and troughs containing her treasured petunias, fuchsias, peraniums and lilies.

Mr Copsey, who was paid £198 for a 44-hour week, also did odd jobs and exercised Mrs Copping's six Stafford-shire terriers. "She was won-

her garden and always wanted fresh flowers available," he

We got on well and she was good to me. She did not promise me anything when she was alive and I did not expect anything, but on her deathbed she told me how pleased she was that I had treated her as if I was her son. It is a fantastic amount of money that Mrs Copping has left me and I am really

Mr Copsey will continue tending the garden until the house, on the market for £375,000, is sold. He has also taken in an Il-year-old Staffordshire terrier, one of two dogs Mrs Copping had when

Mr Pospischil, 68, of Andover, Hampshire, was Mr Copping's chauffeur for nine years until his death. He took a job elsewhere, but remained friendly with Mrs Copping and drove her in her Mercedes or her VW Passat on trips to Europe. "She would pay for the trip so it would be a break for me as well, and I did it without remuneration," Mr



Russell Copsey planted 7,000 tulip bulbs for his employer, and has now given a home to one of her dogs

#### , Three face sack after criticising bosses

By Ian Murray

THREE council employees face dismissal for gross misconduct after they were secret-ly recorded criticising their

The two engineers and a product development officer at Nottingham City Council were suspended the day after a tape of their lunchtime conversation was handed to the city's internal audit department. Two of them will appear before a disciplinary panel tomorrow and the third will be

dealt with soon. The recording was made last November by a client in the council's business centre, which gives help and advice to people wanting to set up small businesses and where some offices are rented out to private There were allegations of gross misconduct and we suspended the staff involved as a precaution as soon as we heard the tapes," the council said yesterday. "Since then we have been interviewing a number of clients at the business centre and heard more allegations which will be put before the disciplinary panel.

Andy Belfield, local secretary of the public services union Unison, said: They were complaining about lack of support from their two bosses. If you suspended everyone who complained about their boss, there would be no one left at work. This tape would never be allowed in a court of law. It flies in the face of British justice."

# Leader of fired after

pers during Friday prayers at the Oxford Mosque Society, a predominantly Sunni organis-ation, for duties that included taking the five daily prayer sessions, teaching the Koran to children and conducting wedding ceremonies. But when Mr Khan returned from

Mr Khan, 33, yesterday told an industrial tribunal at Reading. Berkshire, where he is claiming unfair dismissal, that he had fully briefed the mosque's Muslim eid

mer chairman of the society. said: "When we employ our imam we don't think he will

The tribunal was asked to decide whether Mr Khan

Mr Khan insisted he was an employee. "I knew if I was late I would get the sack. I am asking for fairness and what is due to me."

The hearing continues.

# mosque was pilgrimage By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE spiritual leader of a mosque is seeking £6,000 compensation for being sacked after making a seven-week pilgrimage to Mecca.

Amir Abdulla Khan was Amir Abdulla Khan was paid E520 a month from money donated by worship-

his pilgrimage in May last year, he was dismissed.

he would be making his first Haj, or pilgrimage. Mahmud Khan Hasrat, for-

take us to court."

could be classed as an employee. Katharine Gollop, for the mosque, said that precedent meant that neither the imam nor any minister of religion was classified as an employee.

# Canny Scots rival southern wealth

By CAROLINE MERRELL

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LOTHIAN, in the central belt of Scotland, has joined the South East as one of the richest areas in Britain, according to a survey by a market research company.

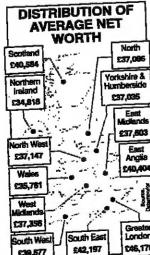
The average wealth in Lothian was £45,324, about £900

less than the average in the Greater London area. Other rich areas included Surrey. Hertfordshire and Oxfordshire. The survey Datamonitor claimed that the average wealth per head in Britain has dropped by more than £6,000 in real terms over the last six years to £25,442. The company puts the fall

down to the drop in property prices since 1989, Wealth was judged by taking into account property, savings such as Tessas, and investments including personal equity plans usions. Datamonitor said the Lothian figure was by Edinburgh, a traditionally wealthy city. The region has also seen the growth of high-tech companies in areas such as Liv-

ingston, bringing in well-paid The difference in wealth between the poorest area mid-Glamorgan at £32.512 and the richest - Greater London a! E46.176 - was 42 per cent. Other poor areas included Gwent, south York-

shire and Durham. The survey claims: "While inflation has been kept relatively under control, property prices have dampened the



effects of a strong economy. rising wages, and better savings and borrowing attitudes. and real wealth has still failed to catch up with 1992 levels." According to The Rich List

published by The Sunday Times earlier this week, 514 of the 1,000 wealthiest people in the UK lived in the South East, 83 lived in the North West, while I per cent lived in Wales and 1 per cent lived in Northern Ireland.

However, Datamonitor's analysis of wealth excluding property and other non-liquid assets such as pensions and life insurance policies found an increase in wealth over the last four years. The survey found that liquid assets per head had risen from £13,430 in 1992, to £16,647 in 1996, thanks to increased savings.



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# Job cuts and fare rises forecast at new rail firms.

AND FRASER NELSON

JOB cuts and fare rises across much of the privatised railway industry were predicted in a damning report yesterday. A looming crisis was blamed on companies who bid too high to win their franchises and could need heavy subsidies to survive.

The report for the pressure group Save Our Railways said that five of the new private rail firms were now expected to make heavy losses. City analysis of the report wiped 50p off

Rail, which runs three of the after reducing its drivers, is on franchises. The shares later recovered enough to close about 10p down on the day. Prism said that the claims were an election stunt based on insufficient data.

The report by Tim Powell, a former transport studies director at accountants and management consultants Coopers & Lybrand, said that some firms would need to raise revenue or cut costs by as much as 20 per cent. Others were expected to make high profits because their franchise terms were "far too easy". South West Trains, which infuriatthe morning share price for Prism ed commuters by cutting services

course for profits of up to £500 million.

Mr Powell, whose former employers advised the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising on privatisation, identified five companies under threat as Thameslink, Thames Trains, West Anglia and Great Northern, Cardiff Railways, and South Wales and West. The report, The Prospects for the Franchised Railway, said these could require £250 million to £1.53 billion in extra government subsidy. The most likely figure was lines were said to face difficulties -Chiltern, CrossCountry, Regional Railways North West, North London Railways and the Isle of Wight's Island Line.

Eight were tipped to make a large profit - South West Trains, Great Western, Great North Eastem (formerly East Coast Main Line), Gatwick Express, Connex South Central, Midland Main Line, LTS (London Tilbury and Southend) Rail and ScotRail. Excluding ScotRail, their combined profit was expected to be £600 million to £1.93 billion.

Mr Powell accepted that passen-

that some fares are capped, but said: "Fare capping applies to about half of all fares. Some important fares are not capped at all and could increase

considerably." Keith Bill, national secretary of Save Our Railways, said: "This report is shocking news. There has been concern in the industry about the way some later franchises were let to bidders who were taking a

The report makes clear that Roger Salmon, when Franchising Director, had suggested that ab-

gers would benefit from the fact normally high profits should be recycled for the benefit of taxpayers and passengers. The Government

rejected the proposal. Rail companies dismissed the report's forecasts. The Thames Trains network between London. Oxford and Slough was said to face losing £97 million, and Thameslink, between Luton and Gatwick. was said to face losing £116 million. However, Martin Ballinger, managing director of Go-Ahead Group which runs both franchises, said the report was "absolute nonsense - if this was true, we would never have bid for the franchises. Both

railways are performing better than we expected."

The report said that the Prism franchises, West Anglia and Great Northern, Cardiff Railways, and South Wales and West would lose a total of £287 million by the end of their franchise terms. Prism said the report's calculations were made without information available only to the operators, and had reckoned without investment made before privatisation. Giles Fearnley, chief executive, said: "We have to view this as a predominantly political document released to coincide with the election campaign."

# Feel-good herbal drinks 'could harm consumers' health'

HERBAL drinks are no more healthy than ordinary soft drinks, according to the Consumers' Association. While they often claim positive effects, some could damage

A report published today in the association's magazine Health Which? says people in search of a pick-me-up would be better off with a cup of tea than herbal drinks, which can cost up to £2.35 a bottle.

in a survey of what it claims to be a very profitable and growing market, Health Which? says that "feel-good" claims appear on all the drinks assessed. "Not all the manufacturers we spoke to could back them up," the magazine says. "Under cur-rent legislation any claim is supposed to be correct and not misleading, but the level and quality of evidence needed to support a claim is not clearly laid down, which makes enforcement difficult."

The Consumers' Associ-

WHAT better way to test the claims of herbal pick-me-ups

than to swallow some and

wait for the effects? In a highly

subjective evaluation, Robin

Young tried:

Amé £1.99 (750ml). Fruit

juice, herbs, extracts of jas-

mine, schizandra, ginseng and

lime flower and vitamins.

Rather sickly. No revitalising

🗋 Purdey's Gold High Ener-

gy 99p (250ml). Water, glucose

syrup, herb extracts, vitamins.

Sold in gyms, and loaded with

☐ Purdey's Original 89p

(330ml). Water, fruit juice, herbal extracts, vitamins. Ex-

perts say the herb extracts are

potentially toxic, but I would

be unlikely to drink enough of this to suffer any ill-effects. As

☐ Aloe Lemon £1.29 (250ml).

Apple juice, aloe vera, lemon

juice. 50ml is said to be the

ideal daily intake of aloe vera,

but it could have been this

sweet as any standard cola.

sugar. Extremely sweet.

effect noticeable.

A cup of tea rather than a herbal drink would make a better pick-me-up, says Health Which? Robin Young reports

against several brands to trading standards authorities and the Advertising Standards Authority. They include Gusto, a herbal drink claimed to "contribute to stamina and performance". Health Which? says that is tantamount to an illegal medicinal claim.

The association has also complained to the authority about Purdey's Gold High Energy, a brand for which the claim is: "The healthy and immediate way to feel revitalised . . . Formula of pepyou-up herbs and vitamins with complex carbohydrate for a sustained energy boost." The brand is advertised as "bottled rejuvenation".

Health Which? says that experts found the drink to contain "a hefty slug of glucose syrup", the equivalent of

PICK-ME-UPS PLIT TO THE TEST #

a Mars Bar or ten teaspoons of sugar. The herbs, including prickly ash and guarana, the makers claim to use were potentially toxic and the expert said he was unable to understand the evidence filed by the drink's makers in support of

A nutritionist told the Consumers' Association: "If it's sustained energy you want, go for a banana. If it's refreshment, water is healthier."

Other drinks are criticised for implying that they will improve health and wellbeing. The label of Ame lists herbs and says they "soothe and enhance" but experts said the herbs would only have the effects listed if they were taken regularly and at high levels.

Orchid Drinks, which makes Ame as well as Purdey's, refused to disclose the level of herbs in the drinks. A spokesman said: "We do not believe our drinks fall into the category of a herbal or health drink. We put the benefits of the herbs contained as a source of interest for our customers. We do not see the herbs as key ingredients."

Aqua Libra, another Orchid Drinks product, is said to help the body to maintain its natural alkaline balance". Health Which? says the claim is "misleading and semi-medical". The magazine says that Orchid Drinks was unable to explain why people should need their alkaline levels balancing, or how the drink

would achieve that. The aloe juice in Aloe Gin-seng could be a laxative, while Rio Amazon Guarana Breeze, was a "disturbing product" which could lead to a caffeine overdose if too much was

Health Which? says: "Adding herbs to a simple sugar or fruit drink seems to turn it into a mysterious, enlivening





Saddling up: Sindi Johnston will swap her business suits for jeans when she joins her wrangler in Arizona

# City slicker rides out of town to set up home on the range

ng west was a shopping trip to Harrods and lunch at an expensive restaurant. Now she leaving her £45,000a-year job and heading for the wide open spaces of Arizona to spend the rest of her life with a cowboy who earns £2 an hour. She will give up her flat in Baker Street, London, trips to the theatre and

dinner parties to share a room behind a barn with her wrangler. She met Rex Christensen, 50, while on holiday at the Lazy K dude ranch near Tueson last summer and returned to marry him in February. They took their vows on horseback and were married by

a preacher called Tipl who lives in a shack made from bottles. Yesterday Mrs Christensen, 37, head of

a newspaper production department, dollar is coming from and from some on, described their first meeting: "He got off neither will I." described their first meeting: "He got off UNTIL recently Sindi Johnston's idea of his horse and strode towards me. We just looked at each other. He was tall, his eyes were blue and sparkling, and something

just happened that I can't explain. My heart missed a beat and I was hooked." The couple shared dawn rides in the mountains and went dancing. Mr Christensen proposed over a meal of rocky mountain oysters, which are calves' testicles.

Mrs Christensen said: "I can't wait to get out of the rat-race and lead a simpler life. The pace of life will be slow but there will be none of the long faces you see on the Tube or in traffic jams.

"I realise I am going from rich town girl to poor country girl because all Rex owns is a saddle and a truck. But he has never worried about where the next

Mr Christensen, who ran away from school at 14 to join a rodeo, is confident that the marriage will last. "Sindi has more book learning than me but I'm educated in a backwoods way. She will fit in fine once I have taught her to ride, hunt and fish."

Chris Symington, a director of the company which organised Mrs Christensen's trip, said that ranch holidays were popular with single women. Another of her customers, in her twenties, is now living with the fiftysomething manager of a dude ranch. Ms Symington said: This appeals to women partly because they are interested in riding and know that on the ranch they will be totally safe. But there is no denying that some of them may dream of romance."

#### Man drove . at Asians in racist assault

A restaurant manager who drove his car on to a pavement at a group of Asians in a racially motivated attack has been ordered to serve 100 hours community service and 18 months probation by Bristol Crown Court. Matthew Kimber, 22, of Walmore Common, Gloucestershire, was banned from driving for 12 months and ordered to pay £500 compensation to Mounul Ali who was injured in the incident in Cheltenham last April. Kimber admitted dangerous driving and assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

#### Transatlantic call

A message in a bottle thrown into the sea off the east coast of Scotland by a young girl has turned up two years later in California. The note has led to a friendship between Sommer Cheyne, 10, and the bottle's finder, a young mother from San Diego.

#### CS sprays tested

Strathclyde and Tayside police forces are to test CS sprays in response to an increase in the number of assaults on officers. William Spence, Chief Constable of Tayside, said that many officers "without much stat-ure" had to deal with very strong individuals.

#### Victim fined

A shopkeeper who has suffered three armed robberies and five burglaries has been fined £100 by Basinostoka magistrates for having a shotgun without a licence. Julian Perkins, 52, of Brambridge, Hampshire, said: "Crime has been made to pay."

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#### Scots reel home

A thriller set in Glasgow and shown at film festivals all over the world has finally found a distributor to release it at home. The Near Room, shot in 1995, opens in 15 cinemas throughout Scotland on Friday through Metrodome Distribution.

#### Mary Rose raid

A drinking vessel dredged up from the site of Henry VIII's sunken flagship, The Mary Rose, has been stolen. The stoneware jug, worth about £5,000, was taken by raiders who forced open an exhibit case at the Southsea Castle Museum in Portsmouth.

#### Canary to rescue

A canary averted a possible disaster by falling off its perch. The Howes family, of Scarborough, North Yorkshire, failed 🍏 to notice a gas leak after having a new fire fitted, until their pet alerted them by

#### Why a tot before bedtime can become a weighty matter found that those who have a

- the sleeplessness that overtakes those who consumed too much alcohol the night before and who then wake, sweaty, after only a few, often noisy, hours of heavy sleep — is well

Equally familiar is the nightcap: a glass of something alcoholic, often whisky, just before going to bed so that the day's worries are forgotten and sleep becomes possible. The nightcap is an admirable of insomnia but the detail needs careful consideration. The size of the tot should be large enough to induce relaxation, but not so generous that it disturbs the natural sleep

Purdey's Original: sweet

which sent me scurrying to the lavatory only hours later.

☐ Aloc Ginseng £1.89

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per cent), fruit juice, ginseng.

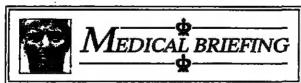
☐ Aqua Libra £2.35 (750ml).

Fruit juice, water, botanical

extracts. Disgusting taste of

Untested after experience with

The journal Australian Doctor and the British medical magazine Monitor have recently carried reports of a problem that can affect some people if their nightcap is too large. A drink that is not so



dawn can still be large enough to bring about a light sleep in the second half of the night. This sleep pattern may be the cause of the previously inexplicable weight gain no-

ticed by some nightcappers. To understand why people whose nightcaps were too big were putting on weight, re-searchers studied people who habitually have fewer than six hours' sleep a night. They short night also have a higher calorie intake.

Some of these additional calories were burnt off by the activities they undertook during the extra time they had available at night, but others only served to increase the body's fat reserves. The doctors found that

people who regularly had a short night tend to have a better appetite for breakfast and that their hearty breakfast crease in their daily calorie

It is suggested that those people whose nightcap is so heavy that it produces light sleep in the second half of the night share the problems of those who persistently had lewer than six hours' sleep a night, and that they, too, have a big breakfast which leads to them putting on weight.

Breakfast poses quite a different problem for those who

have drunk so much the previous evening that they have had a false dawn. These people probably will have no appetite at all, although in order to counteract the hypoglycaemia the alcohol has produced they need a good breakfast of orange juice, porridge and some form of

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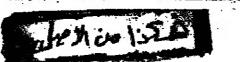


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# Reluctant 'Mr Clean' heeds the call

IT'S a dirty job but someone has got to do it. That, roughly, was the word yesterday from Martin Bell, the BBC war corresponsdent, as he ex-plained why he had reluctantly allowed himself to be talked into taking on Neil Hamilton MP and sluicing the sleaze

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from Tatton. Diffident and pained, the hero of Sarajevo, was aghast at the responsibility that he said had suddenly been thrust upon him, but there came a moment when you had to answer the call of duty. "I thought a long time ago that there was something amiss in this country," he said. "Sometimes we have to get off our backsides and help people."

If the Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates formally make way for him and if Mr Hamilton is chosen tonight as Tatton's candidate, then Mr Bell will present himself as an independent "anti-corruption" candidate. He believed Mr Hamilton would desist, in which case "I am the shortestlived political candidate with shortest-lived political career you will ever see and by Wednesday morning it will all be over," he said. "If Hamilton

The hero of Sarajevo is bound for Cheshire. Charles Bremner waves the man in the white suit off on his purgative political mission

chooses to withdraw that takes the S-word out of the campaign," said the BBC man, who sported the "lucky" cream suit that is his television trademark. If the former minister persisted, then Mr Bell would fight to win and would take his seat in parliament un-

beholden to any party, he said. He said he disliked the Sword, preferring to talk about corruption. On that account he felt himself to be squeaky clean. Only once had his expenses been challenged in 35 years with the BBC and that was a query last November over an Indian taxi receipt.

Mr Bell, 58, and possessor of the soft clipped tones of an earlier generation, described his accidental decision to cross the lines between celebrity journalism and politics at a

press conference in Westminster. Colleagues were unsure whether they were grilling a politician or ribbing a fellow Taking the spotlight was an

unnerving experience which he had never sought. "I'm scared to death," said Mr Bell, who was wounded in Sarajevo in 1992 and has spent 17 of the past 20 years abroad. "I would much rather run the trench-lines of Dobrinja, run snipers alley in my armoured vehicle Miss Piggy than this," he said. This is one of the strangest things that has ever happened

The reporter, who makes no secret of his disaffection with the BBC, said he had just returned from a trip to New York for a documentary on the United Nations chief when Tom Stoddart, the photographer and partner to Kate Hoey, the Labour MP, pressed him to stand as Tatton's "Mr Clean. After futher pressure from "high" in the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties he

The Bell campaign would take the high road, avoiding personal attacks on Mr Ham-ilton, but a generalised offensive against corruption, said the journalist who described himself last year as "a founder member of the get-somethingdone club". Mr Bell's self-effacement

was clearly struggling with the adrenalin that comes from the power game. As much as isted that he hated the experience, there was no disguising the pride when he quoted a poll on his candidacy in Tatton by the Evening Standard. "It said Hamilton 29, Bell 71."

Colleagues have not been unduly surprised by Mr Bell's leap into politics. A veteran of a dozen wars, he had "got religion", as one put it, in his long stint in Bosnia and had felt unappreciated after his return last year.

Yesterday, he spoke of his unrequited love affair with the BBC, where he began work as a news assistant in Norwich in 1962. "Up to two days ago I was cruising along towards the twilight of my career in the bank. Of the £11,000 he re-

David McNeil, a BBC radio news presenter who worked with him in Washington, described him as a "moral

that his private life has been

successful. Divorced twice, he says he is a "hopeless romantic but I am also totally impossible to live with".

He has two daughters, Melissa, 24, and Catherine, 22, from his first marriage to French-born Nelly (Helene) Gourdon in 1971. The marriage ended in 1980 but the two

Suburb with Catherine, who

also studies in the US. His second marriage, to NBC reporter Rebecca Sobel in 1985, broke down over her resentment at the amount of time he spent with his daughters. He described it as: "Four

in the darkness, she asked in a timid voice: "Martin, you're not going to jump my bones.

are you?" He replied gallantly: "No, I am not insensitive to your charms and don't want to seem indifferent to them but I have absolutely no intention of



Martin Bell during the press conference at the Institute of Civil Engineers in London where he announced his candidacy yesterday

#### MATTHEW PARRIES

I'D give Martin Bell a week until his character is torn to shreds. This is not because there is any defect in Mr Bell's character but because no reputation, untarnishable. If St Francis of Assisi were to stand for Tatton, he would find himself under press suspicion within days
Is there nobody in Mr

Bell's valiant career who is prepared to speak ill of him? If there is, the press and the Tories will seek them out. After sustained media attention. Snow White's reputation would drift - why, after all, the uncharacteristic spring in Grumpy's step? Put Max Clifford on the case of Big Ears, and bang go Noddy's chances of political star-dom. Every Batman has a Robin in his closet.

Whatever interest this candidate may arouse. Britain's media professionals will not quite, in their hearts, approve. Some will be a little jeal-ous, others, more old-fashioned, may think it unprofessional to step over the unstated line between reporting the news and



Noddy: not even he would be unscathed

making it. Most, I suspect,

As for the voters of Tatton (mostly Tory) many will see a BBC candidate as being not above politics. but of the covert Left. I'd place a small bet on Hamilton winning.

Ladbrokes made Hamilton the 1-5 favourite, with

Bell at 3-1 against.

will derive schoolboy glee from watching a candidate whose whole platform must consist in an implicit claim to personal virtue, was going to happen," he said. If the political career ended, he would go back to the BBC.

Fellow journalists also vouched for the honesty of Mr Bell yesterday as above re-proach, and BBC sources confirm that he had never once come under suspicion, despite working as one of an elite band of foreign correspondents notorious for "creative" expenses claims.

Mr Bell acknowledges however, that many television reporters have made large sums through sharp with expenses claims. But those days are gone

forever. As it happens I did live through them, without taking material advantage of them ... It seemed a sad Confronted yesterday by a

pack of reporters. Mr Bell said he knew Conservative Central Office would be scrutinising past for signs of wrongdoing.

I have looked at my cup-

board and I can't think of a damn thing," he insisted.

After pledging to make available his bank accounts and tax returns to anyone who requested them, he disclosed that he had just £6,500 in the

ceived last week from the paperback sales of his book, In Harm's Way, he had spent £8,000 on a secondhand car.

man" who "played everything with a straight bat".

However, Mr Bell admits

remain close: Mr Bell now lives in the former family home in Hampstead Garden

years of pure disaster." The story goes that Mr Bell once offered accommodation to an attractive and famous television correspondent and,

jumping your bones."

Additional reporting by Stephen Farrell. Alexandra Frean and Joanna Baie

# Media 'dirty tricks' strengthen resolve of Tatton high command

By Andrew Pierce, Russell Jenkins and Dominic Kennedy

MARTIN BELL'S decision to tand as an anti-sleaze candi-date has made the senior Tories of Tatton keener than ever to adopt Neil Hamilton.

The Times yesterday asked members of the management committee at the Conservative association whether Mr Hamilton should fight on, did they need a secret ballot and what do they think of Martin Bell?

As the constituency prepares for tonight's formal meeting to adopt the MP, only one out of ten leading figures was anti-Hamilton.

Jan Verney, president of the constituency association, said: Neil Hamilton should fight on. The man is innocent . . . I suspect that somebody will call for a secret ballot at the

"I suppose Martin Bell will get a few votes but it's a bit rich, isn't it? We know basically this is a battle between the media and Neil Hamilton and one of you puts up."

Peter Kay, vice-president, said: "We think Neil Hamilton has been an excellent constituency MP. It is not normal to hold a secret ballot at an adoption meeting. It is to approve him and I do not believe there is any need for it. "I honestly don't know any-Thing about Martin Bell."

Tony Martin, the constituency treasurer, who has organised an anti-Hamilton campaign, said: Neil Hamilton shouldn't fight on. He has

"I have had 20 phone calls this morning from people who were prepared to support me but are not going to now. Martin Bell is seen as a Lib-Lab candidate. There is a siege mentality inside the association and this considerably strengthens their resolve.

"If we are going to move it at all, a secret ballot is the only way we will." Suc Kipling, area vice

chairman for Knutsford, said: I support Neil Hamilton completely. We don't normally

lost the confidence of the have a secret ballot but there is provision if people require it. Martin Bell is a correspondent, i believe Neil Hamil-

ton should be the MP." Heather Craig, a Knutsford town councillor, said: "We are 110 per cent behind Neil ... These people who are calling for a secret ballot are chickenlivered. They should stand up

and be counted. "I have my own feelings about Martin Bell. They are

Barbara Armitage, who represents Alderley Edge on the management committee,

TATTON CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

Hundreds of Tation Conservative Association's 1.500 members will decide Neil Hamilton's political fate tonight when they pack into a small hall behind a public house in Chelford, Cheshire. The motion to adopt Mr Hamilton is item 2 on the agenda and comes before the formal suspension of the association to conform with electoral law, an address from the candidate and a briefing on the campaign battle lines. The adoption can be changed from a simple show of hands into a secret ballot in two ways. It is within the

gift of the constituency

president. Jan Verney, to

announce that a secret ballot will take place. Alternatively a member can propose a secret ballot. which will require a seconder and the support of a third of the audience. Ballot papers have been prepared for such a call and party agents from neighbouring constituencies are standing by to act as tellers. All fully paid up members registered with the association may attend and vote but they will have to have been members for at least 28 days to qualify. Peter McDowell, the party agent. said: "The motion is put to the meeting and it either stands or falls."

said: "Neil Hamilton has come this far. I cannot believe that somebody who has endured what he has gone through is not sustained by his

"I do not feel strongly one way or another about a secret ballot. I am sure Martin Bell is a super chap but it worries me that somebody could come in at this late stage."
Pauline Breland said:
"Neil Hamilton is innocent

until proven guilty. I will vote "Martin Bell's involvement in the campaign is further evidence of media dirty tricks.

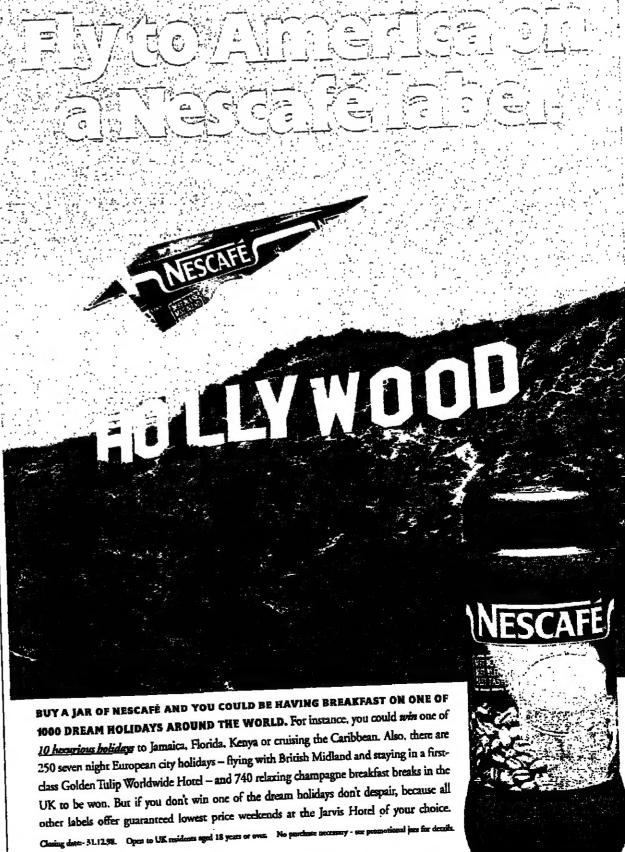
I don't care whether it is a

secret ballot. Neil Hamilton

Christopher Dodson, a solicitor, said: "It is for Sir Gordon Downey to pronounce on Neil Hamilton's innocence. I am uneasy about the presence of Martin Bell." Mr Dodson did not mind whether whether the ballot was secret.

John Seed, a chartered accountant, said: "The candidacy of Martin Bell is a ploy by the other political parties. I think it will cement support for Neil Hamilton who I expect to win." Mr Seed had no strong views on a secret

ballot. Alan Barnes, the association chairman, said: "I support Neil Hamilton and believe it should be an open ballot because Martin Bell is iust a media hack."







**British Midland** 

# EU chiefs plan to embrace Labour at Maastricht By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT INSTERS accused European ray yesterday of preparing all "sell-our summit" in Measure strending a two-day European Union meeting in Months of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the summit would be convened in the second half of the sec

MINISTERS accused European leaders vesterday of preparing a special "sell-out summit" in Maastricht if Labour wins the election.

The Dutch presidency is planning a meeting next month to raise any issues that need to be considered before the inter-governmental conference in Amsterdam in June.

But the Tories claimed that they had not been invited to a May summit and argued it was being held only because European chiefs hoped that Labour would sign up to further concessions on social and land, suggested that the May gathering would not be held if the Tories retained power. "We know their views already," said one

Labour confirmed that it had been contacted about the summit but had rejected the ideas on the grounds that there was no need to have one. "We will spell out our position at the Amsterdam summit in June," a spokesman for Tony

sovereignty. "Europe is preparing a tailor-made, self-out summit for new Labour," he stated. "It comes as no surprise that European Socialist leaders' would rejoice at the prospect of a Labour victory. We have known for some time that Labour would make six surrenders of sovereignty in under six weeks. The damage to Britain would be

irrevocable. EU sources later confirmed that Tory parties about possible dates. British ministers later still denied any knowledge of the proposed mini-summit.

Mr Davis insisted that Labour would sign up to a number of new directives under the Social Chapter and the Employment Chapter which would undermine labour flexibility in Britain. Other ministers also accused Brussels of deliberately delaying publication of its mission. Top of the list is equality of treatment for part-time workers, a proposal that Tony Blair has only recently dropped from Labour policy. Other demands would lower the retirement age and make it more difficult for employers to sack

workers. Yesterday, the Tories also tried to exploit what they saw as a significant difference between Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, and

ly ruling out a single currency in the lifetime of a Labour parliament. He said: "It is very difficult to see a government that has taken a decision that Britain wasn't ready in 1999, coming to the decision that it would be ready the next year or the year after that."

Mr Brown claimed yesterday that there had been no hardening of policy. The policy is completely unchanged. What he's saying is

Senior Tory sources privately expressed concern that Labour had successfully outflanked them by appearing to toughen up their position, but suggested it was too late for John Major to shift in the same direction. He has been so firm on the 'wait and see policy' that it would now look ridiculous if he changed it." said one senior

#### **Unionists** seek deal on joint candidacy

BY NICHOLAS WATT CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE two main Unionist parties met last night in the hope of agreeing on joint candidates in two marginal seats. Failure to agree could clear the way for Sinn Fein victories.

With just over a week until nominations close, the Ulster Unionists (UUP) and Democratic Unionists (DUP) are still at loggerheads over West Tyrone and North Belfast.

Speaking earlier, at the launch of the DUP manifesto, the Rev Ian Paisley, the party leader, said that he held out little hope of reaching agree-ment with David Trimble, leader of the UUP.

Despite intensive talks in recent weeks, the UUP and DUP have failed to reach agreement on the two seats because of the extremely poor relations between the leaders and between party workers on the ground. Mr Paisley and Mr Trimble can barely tolerate the sight of each other and have clashed repeatedly at the Stormont talks.

The DUP says that it will contest the new seat of West Tyrone because its opponents reneged on a deal worked out for the election to the Northern Ireland Forum last May. Under that the DUP agreed not to contest the seat in the general election if the UUP

beat it in the forum election. Although the UUP won 17.9 per cent of the vote to 16.43 per cent for the DUP, Mr Paisley Thompson of the UUP decided not to contest the forum election. Mr Thompson is now intending to stand for the

UUP in the general election. If they fail to agreeon West Tyrone and two Unionists stand, the seat will go to either the SDLP or Sinn Fein, who respectively won 28.4 per cent and 28.1 per cent of the vote last May. Sinn Fein is already expected to recapture West Belfast and is a strong contender for Mid-Ulster.



Mr Soames plumping for a hearty meal in a York fish restaurant yesterday: "It is important to have a good lunch, it makes you feel a lot better"

# Fish and chips fend off Yorkshire battering

Damian Whitworth witnesses Nicholas Soames's prodigious appetite for weighty issues

underexplored strategy for Tory success: eat to win. The rallying cry was sounded when he arrived to lend heavyweight ministerial support to Simon Mallett, the Conservative candidate in the Labour

marginal seat of York. Any politician visiting the

area is sensible to boast that a plate of the county's traditional fish and chips is the perfect way to round off a hard day's campaigning. Mr Soames ad-vocated the dish as the perfect way to start a session of

campaigning.
At noon, as the fryers at Wackers restaurant were starting to sizzle, he was smacking his lips in anticipation. After travelling up from Sussex, he had a long slog ahead and an Armed Forces minister, as every schoolchild knows, marches on his

He eyed Mr Mallett, a mere slip of a candidate, with concern. "He's a thin thing, needs feeding up." he declared. "I burn it off," protested Mr Mallett. "I eat more to compensate," retorted Mr Soames, tucking into the £6.49

Wackers Special large haddock and chips with relish. As belits a former Second

Lieutenant in the 11th Hussars. Mr Soames explained how to run a campaign with military efficiency. "One needs to take care. It requires a great deal of forward planning. And without showing off, I can say you have to work bloody

He moved on to the finer details of this approach: "I'm a big breakfast man." Unfortunately, with yesterday's early start, a tactical decision had been taken to eat on the move. "I could only manage a bacon sandwich on Haywards Heath station," he said glumly.

The next stage was critical, he added. "If you have taken a morale bash in the morning, it is important to have a good lunch, it makes you feel a lot better." Once a decision to have lunch had been taken, other split-second judgments had to be made. What to eat?

"Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding is. of course, the best lunch," said Mr Soames. "But that would be overdoing it on a one-hour stop. In my view, you can't have a better lunch than fish and chips."

Additional postprandial fortification should be sought in the pub. "I went campaigning in my own constituency on Saturday and ended up with a Coldstream guardsman drinking pints of Guinness. You can't have a better end to your morning.

"I want to enjoy our general election. We are all being told that it is all terribly serious. I want to enjoy and celebrate it." Photographers gathered to in progress. "All they want are pictures of me with my mouth open," the minister said, roar-ing with laughter. "I'm prepared to make a fool of myself for the party."

Lunch over. Mr Soames charged through the streets of York like a Chieftain tank. He placed a bet on the Grand National - "My brother-inlaw has a helicopter and we were going to try and fly over to Aintree this afternoon, but the time didn't work" - and examined the wares of a knicker shop.

Then it was time to roll on to the next constituency, the next engagement and afternoon tea and supper. leaving Mr Mallett to reflect: "I'm probably half his weight, but a few years in Parliament and I'll

point, said that once the

leading boat in the race sank. And Jenkins, remembering

no doubt his short-lived bid to

become Prime Minister in

1983. replied wistfully: "And once they both sank." Sir Robin said that he had

read both manifestos and they

were so similar that he had to

remind himself which one he

was reading. Were the two

parties now too similar? Hat-

tersley thought there was too little ideological difference be-

tween the parties and it was a

terrible pity. Tebbit thought

that it was all due to "the work

of Margaret Thatcher" who had left so little to argue



Mallett: the thin man "needs feeding up"

#### **Tactical** voters are expelled

Ten members of Lewes Labour Party have been expelled for backing tactical voting for the Liberal Democrats in a letter to a local newspaper. Tim Rathbone won the East Sussex seat for the Tories in the last vote with a 12,000 lead over the Liberal Democrats and nearly 30,000 votes ahead of Labour. In the Sheffield Hallam seat, a letter to voters from the Liberal Democrats urging Labour supporters to vote tactically has provoked a party row.

#### Sinking feeling

John Major's show of faith with the Grand National meant disappointment for Hampton School, southwest London, which called in pupils on holiday to meet him. The change of plans dashed a photo-call with teenage rowers to publicise the assisted places scheme.

#### Crime initiative

The Liberal Democrats will ioday unveil plans for young 🙎 "city guards" to combat crime Jobless school-leavers will be given training and paid a basic wage to remove graffiti, patrol unmanned bus and train stations and help vulnerable people to get home at night.

#### MP tipped

Mike Watson, MP for Glasgow Central for the past eight years, whose constituency has disappeared in boundary the Labour candidate for Kilmarnock and Loudown. Willie McKelvey, the sitting MP, is not standing after suffering a minor stroke.

#### Labour MP quits

Stuart Randall, 58, Labour MP for Hull West and Hessle for 14 years, stood down yesterday saying that he wanted to spend more time with his family. Officials will hold an emergency meeting later this week to draw up a shortlist of candidates.

#### Not a hoot

The campaign buses of Paddy Ashdown and John Major passed within hooting distance of each other at Manchester Airport. The Lib Dem vehicle - known as the "Paddy Wagon" -- passed by without so much as a single insult from either bus.

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# Golden oldies turn their attention to more exciting campaign of 1906

t is difficult to find much born election so determined are the two main parties to dance around each other dressed in identical clothes; thus it comes as an odd pleasure to see that three times a week BBC television's Breakfast News is bringing together what Sir Robin Day described yesterday as three political golden oldies" to chew the fat.

The Lords Jenkins of Hillhead and Tebbit are joined by Roy Hattersley, who is in that awkward adolescent period of political life when he is no longer a member of the House of Commons but has yet to be elevated to the House

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of Lords. To that extent he is a stake in this general election, for he needs to put only one word out of place and his emine may be withheld from

If anyone with long memo ries bad dozed off in front of the television set late on Sunday and woken with a start yesterday morning to see our musketeers arguing the toss, they might well have concluded that they had just emerged from one of those sleeping sicknesses where patients lie in a coma while whole decades pass by.

In fact, however, this short 20 minutes of television turned out to be one of the most honest and well informed of any of the many hours of election TV broadeasting I have endured.

This amiable trio and their once trascible interviewer look like something out of the later episodes of Star Trek, much craggier and wrinkled than we remember them from their prime but still going through the motions. And their message was clear: this is an election. Robin, but not as we know it. This is not just a matter of today's politics not being as lively as those in the good old days; something has



TV WATCH **NICHOLAS** WAPSHOTT

plainly happened to make this

Cambridge boat race".

If Roy Jenkins is the Cap-

tain Mainwaring of this Dad's Army, then Tebbit is the spiv Walker and Hattersley old Godfrey. And the captain had a couple of suggestions why this election is so dull. First, it was plain that John Major's decision to have a six-and-a-half-week election campaign was foolhardy. Secondly, this was the first election since 1983 in which the result was a foregone conclusion after the first 20 seconds "rather like the Oxford and

Norman Tebbit, who can

Jenes SE

And before we knew where we were, we were discussing the 1906 general election and Lord Jenkins was wagging his finger at Roy Hattersley and telling him not to forget that 30 years ago he had established his reputation as a biographer of Asquith and that "the view that Asquith was more radical than Campbell-Bannerman is an extremely interesting and exciting view, if I may spy

Certainly more exciting than today's election, that's for

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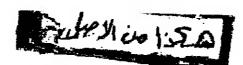
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# Genial don gives Britain a lecture on lone survival

Joe Joseph takes notes from the founder of the UK Independence Party

AS ALAN SKED explained rather jovially at the launch of his UK Independence Party manifesto yesterday: "Euroscepticism doesn't begin to characterise my view on the European Union. We want out!" To Dr Sked, merely sceptic folk like Bill Cash and Sir Teddy Taylor are nestlers in the bosom of Brussels.

Tactical

Voters at

So what would follow with-drawal from the EU? Easy: the UKIP proposes a free-trade agreement with Europe which would leave Britain E19 billion better off. The money would be spent on a better National Health Service, stronger Nato-based defences, reduced public debt and higher income tax threshholds. And food would get cheaper since we would be paying world rather than EU-bloated prices.

It is all so logical that Dr Sked — a London School of Economics don and successful author who confesses that "I started as a gung-ho interal federalist, but the more I read about it, it seemed to be absolute madness"—cannot fully understand why his party is not heading for a landslide on May 1.

"Britain within a year may no longer be an independent country," claims Dr Sked, which is why his party (which has fewer than 16,000 members) is putting up at least 200 candidates on May I. "We're confident. We're dynamic

"Why do we have to be shackled to Europe? Why should we become a backwater of a continental superstate?" Of course, when you put it like that, Dr Sked...

The Glaswegian academic,

who has written a Penguin history of modern Britain and is now writing the Penguin history of postwar Europe, thinks it possible that his party might even win three or four seats on May I.

But if it does not, he will not be giving up. Why not? Because the UKIP "is not a 'here today, gone tomorrow' party. We'll be around for as long as it takes to win the UK's freedom from the European Union. We believe that within ten years, Britain will be out of Europe. The costs will be so enormous of going

into a single currency."

So he's not too keen on economic and monetary union, then?

"It's an international suicide pact," he says straight away, without tip-toeing through any shades of grey. "And the alternative to suicide is not to commit suicide. You don't have to become a lion tamer or a ballet dancer. You just don't have to commit suicide." See? It's all incredibly logical.

Dr Sked clearly enjoys politics — enjoys it so much that even joining the Liberal Party as a 14-year-old ("My hero was Jo Grimond") did not disillusion him irrevocably. He has the winning manner

of the genial don. He also has
the smooth tongue of the
lecturer who has marshalled
his case in a way that makes it
seem not only the most obvious analysis of a subject, but
the only one.
The UK Independence Par-

ty is convinced that it has a firmer base of support than its direct rival, the Referendum Party. Sniping at its billionaire leader, Sir James Goldsmith, Dr Sked said: "We have a democracy inside our party — it isn't about one chief with his cheque book."

But realistically, Dr Sked knows that his 3½-year-old party's parliamentary muscle after the election will be more in the Kenneth Williams league than in the Mike Tyson bracket, but there will still be work for the UKIP to do. Certainly there will be important pots for it to stir.

"We believe the Conservative Party will enter into a civil war. It is going to be a spectator blood sport. They under severe strain.
"Our role in all this," he says, reigniting his mischievous grin, "will be as a

DEPENDENCE

Alan Sked displaying his party logo yesterday. "Our role will be as a catalyst in this great period of flux"

will be split down the middle on the issue of Europe, and the Labour Party will come

catalyst in this great period of flux. We expect MPs to come over to us during that period." Some critics call the party parochial, even nationalistic. Tosh. "We are not a party of little Englanders," he bridles.

"We have a global outlook. Britain is not a post-imperial pimple on the map, it is the fifth largest economy in the world. We believe we could be a world-beater again if we

had £19 billion extra to spend.

"So far we have had a dummy election. The voters have been cast in the role of dummies. We have had no debate on Europe; it should be the fundamental issue of the

# SNP lays down terms for a 'velvet divorce'

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

AND MAGNUS LINKLATER
THE Scottish National Party

issued its manifesto yesterday, promising lower income tax, 100,000 new jobs, reduced VAT on fuel, a cold-climate allowance and higher old-age pensions.

The Tories said the proposals would reduce Scotland to the status of a Third World country and Labour said the figures did not add up.

The 30-page SNP manifesto, Yes We Can Win the Best for Scotland, proposes spending an extra £6 billion in the first four years after a "velvet divorce" from England while raising taxes by only £80 million. The surplus is to be financed by Scotland's oil and gas revenues presently incorporated into the British Exchequer.

Key SNP tax pledges include: lowering the basic rate of income tax to 15p and expanding the tax ceiling for the standard rate from £26,100 to £30,015; taking 62p off a bottle of spirits and cutting VAT on fuel to 5 per cent.

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Other proposals include: allowing all 16-year-olds the vote; introducing a minimum wage equivalent to half median male earnings of about £4 an hour; increasing child benefit to £12.50 a week and restoring benefits to 16 and 17-year-olds.

A package of social measures for the elderly include increasing state pensions by £3 a week for single people and £5 a week for married couples. There would also be a cold-climate allowance of £9.20 a week for pensioners.

To raise money the SNP would increase tax on tobacco by 34p on a packet of cigarettes. The surplus to fund the spending would come largely from oil and gas revenues. Quoting a Treasury estimate, Alex Salmond, the SNP leader, said that Scotland had financed London to the tune of 677 billion since 1979.

E27 billion since 1979.

He said Scotland's oil and gas surplus for the next five years would be £12.5 billion and he committed the country to repaying £6.6 billion of the

#### SNP MANIFESTO

The SNP manifesto promises to:

☐ Create 100,000 jobs
☐ Introduce a national minimum wage at half median male earnings
☐ Endorse the Social Chapter

☐ Drop the starting rate of tax to 15p; introduce top rate at £30,000 ☐ Cut the standard rate of corporation tax from

33 to 30 per cent

☐ Increase child benefit
to £12.50 a week for each
child and restore benefits to 16 and 17-year-olds
☐ Increase the state pension by £3 a week for
individuals and £5 a

week for couples

Introduce a flat-rate cold-climate allowance of £9.20 for all pensioners benefit claimants to help with winter heating bills

☐ Provide an extra £35 million for the National Health Service in Scotland

☐ End nuclear reprocessing at Dounreay ☐ Set up Scottish Armed Forces

national debt that it would inherit in the first four years of independence. He insisted that the manifesto was fully

costed and would work.

Henry McLeish, Labour's Scottish co-ordinator, said:

This is the same old nonsense. They're trying to con the Scottish people by spraying around spending commitments and tax cuts. But their figures don't add up."

Michael Forsyth, the Scotnish Secretary, accused the SNP of living "in an economic fantasy". He said: "By the SNP's own accounting, their public spending plans would mean an increase of £5.5 billion in the first four years of separation. That does not take account of 68 further spending commitments they have made but not costed."

#### ON THE STUMP

I think it's going to be the shortest career in British political history. Martin Bell assessing his prospects in Tation

I know Martin Bell well from many visits to Sarajevo and elsewhere. He is a man of the highest integrity and commands overwhelming respect.

Paddy Ashdown at Lib Dem press conference

He has a flaming cheek. Neil Hamilton's wife. Christine, on Martin Bell

Neil is standing up for what he believes in.

Bill Roache (Ken Barlow in Coronation Street) giving

Mr Hamilton his backing

If people turn away from the hysterical soap opera of this election and look at the reality, think of their family finances, think of their jobs, think of jobs for their children they should be voting Conservative.

Kenneth Clarke on walkabout in Basildon

We are prepared to sell off public assets where they are no

longer of use to the country.

Górdon Brown on Radio 4's Today

We will get nowhere without toughness of thought and toughness of action.

Tony Blair to City businessmen

We are not a party of little Englanders. We have a global outlook. Britain is not a post-imperial pimple on the map.

Alan Sked, leader of the UK Independence Party. launching his party's manifesto

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The Tory MP Peter Bottomley explaining why he would like to see Lady Olga Maitland made Foreign Sceretary





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# Blair promises to follow economic 'third way'

Uneasy businessmen received the Labour leader's final conversion to privatisation with a mixture of warmth and scepticism. write Jill Sherman and James Landale

TONY BLAIR completed Labour's conversion to privatisation yesterday by saying that the party would favour private enterprise over the public sector.

"What counts is what works," he told businessmen at London's Corn Exchange. In an astonishing statement from a Labour leader, Mr Blair said that there should no dogmatic belief that the public sector was better.

Where there is no overriding reason for preferring the public provision of goods and services, particularly where those services operate in a competitive market, then the presumption should be that economic activity is best left to the private sector with market forces being fully encouraged to operate," Mr Blair said.

"You keep what works, you change what doesn't. What counts is not simply an absence of ideology. We can have ideals and a sense of obligation and sense of compassion without diminishing the desire for an efficient market

The Labour leader also said that there would be no return to "beer and sandwiches at No. 10" and no going back on the party's decision to ditch its Clause 4 commitment to wholesale nationalisation. Instead he spelt out a "third and privatisation to end the Tories' "roller-coaster econo-

my". One of his first acts as write Clause 4 of the party's constitution to take account of the way the economic argument had moved on, he said. Labour now carefully balanced its commitment to social justice with a commitment to a strong enterprising private

We are not in the business of pressing the rewind button. of reversing these reforms. There should be no degmatic belief that the private sector should do everything or that the public sector should do everything. It is the public interest that it is important. As we have made clear in our manifesto, what counts is what works."

Mr Blair said that it was vital to build a new partnership with business, but Labour would not be "picking winners" in the marketplace This is no rehash of 1960s corporatism. There will be no national plans, no grandiose industrial strategies.

"We have no proposals to return to tripartite institutions or beer and sandwiches at No 10. These are things we are not going to do." The party's aim was to build a partnership with business that was broader and deeper than any postwar Government has contemplated in Britain.

History offers sombre lesson

strange bedfellows as the latest in a long list of

politicians to try to find a

third way" (Mark Hender-

son writes). The Yugoslav leader Marshal Tito, left,

was the first to try when he

defied Stalin to launch his

own brand of communism in 1948. He was followed in

1956 by Imre Nagy in Hun-gary, and in the Prague

Spring of 1968 by the Czech leader Alexander Dubcek,

whose hopes of creating

"communism with a buman

were crushed by



Tony Blair having coffee in the garden of the BZW offices yesterday. He said there would be no return to "beer and sandwiches" with the unions

found itself automatically on

Under his third-way stratethe party would preserve flexible labour markets but ensure basic minimum standards at work and a workforce well equipped to survive in the new market place.

He emphasised the importance of high quality educanomic growth go hand in

likes of Bill Clinton and

Jacques Chirac, the French

President, the notion is not

the fashionable nostrum

that it once was. Indeed, the idea of a "third way" has

most recently been appro-priated by the far Right. Aleksandr Lebed, a rival of

President Yeltsin, consid-

ered the name for his new

political party in Russia, and the British magazine

Third Way, run by former

members of the National

Front, recently attracted at-tention for backing the Ref-

hand, the one making the

other possible."

Mr Blair also spoke of the need to get public spending and public borrowing under tight control. Since John Major had moved to the Treasury in 1989, the national debt had doubled. This is a 'Rake's Progress' which we must now stop. We must hit and maintain tough limits into the

indefinite future."

Mr Blair was given a warm welcome by his business audience. Danny Bernstein, managing director of Monarch Airlines, was "very positive" about Mr Blair, saying: "I don't think he has convinced the entire business community, but there are more coming round to his way of thinking. It may be that they just think he is going to win and so they had better come along and listen to what he has to say." Stephen Kalman, director of

the British Land Company, which hosted the event, said: "We are instinctively not Labour men. His performance is extremely well done. But we await events to see how his message is getting across. Personally, it is difficult to see. But we were interested to hear what he had to say."

# The acceptable face of nothing in particular

renneth Clarke joked in an interview the other day that the Major government had been Thatcherism with a human face". But would a Blair government be much diff-

Tony Blair has embraced most of the key features of the Thatcher era: reform of trade union laws, a tight fiscal and monetary policy and, now, privatisation. It was not so much that what he said yesterday in the City represented a big shift of policy — since little was new — as the starkness and bluntness with which he endorsed the free market and rejected virtually every belief held by Labour politicians over the past 70 years.

The impact is even greater following the rapid movement by the leadership over the past ew days to drop or modify vulnerable positions on the trade unions, devolution and the single currency. Although the term U-turn is overdone, the Blair campaign has ooked to be dodging and weaving in changing policy as it goes along. This has left unresolved questions both about the specifies of Labour's public spending plans and also about how a Blair gov-ernment would make a differ-

ence in office. Mr Blair has explicitly embraced "the new global economy", a position now being challenged by many on the European Left. Mr Blair has

Labour is

reminded

of 'scum'

remarks

THE Tories sought yesterday to counter Labour claims to be

a pro-business party by high-

competent scum" (James

took out a full-page advertise-ment in the London Evening

Standard quoting Frank Dob-

son, the Shadow Environment

Minister. The Tories claimed that Mr Dobson had made his attack on business people in

The advertisement said: This is new Labour that is

trying to present itself as the

'party of business'. Behind the

smile of new Labour lie old instincts which are the enemy

of businesses everywhere." Labour spokesmen accused the Tories of lying. They said that Mr Dobson had been

quoted selectively as he had

described as "thieving scum" the "tiny number of employers

who supported in 1992 the

PETER RIDDELL

no such doubts about market forces: There is no overriding reason for preferring the public provision of goods and services; particularly when those services operate in a competitive market, then the sumption should be that economic activity is best left to. the private sector, with market forces being fully encouraged to operate." Not only is it impossible to imagine any past Labour leader making these remarks, but they could only be uttered through clenched teeth by many in the Shadow Cabinet, as was evident from Margaret Beckett's cool World at One interview

Blairism is best summed up by his phrase "what counts is what works". This differs from the current Tory approach in its emphasis on

social cohesion as being necessary for economic growth. making globalisation socially acceptable. But it is easier to define what Mr Blair would not do, than what he would.

Mr Blair says education is his top priority, but apart from a financially marginal, and mistaken, transfer of money from the assisted places scheme. Labour has given no indication of how it would achieve some of the desirable aspirations put forward by David Blunkett, other than waving a big stick.

The main exception is unemployment, the one area where Gordon Brown sounded distinctive and passionate in the BBC2 debate of the Chancellors on Sunday evening. His repeated warning about the one in five nonpensioner households with no one working is a powerful rallying cry for a left-of-centre party. But, otherwise, it is all good intentions.

If a Blair government raises

taxes on business or accepts

measures raising their costs. he risks being accused of betrayal by industry and the City. Alternatively, if he sticks to his free-market stand of the past few days, he risks disputes with union leaders and local authorities. Mr Blair is almost making his appeal "Tory measures, Labour men". That poses the awkward question of whether the Labour team either wants or is able to perform that task.

# panic' cheers **Tories**

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

SENIOR ministers voiced delight yesterday at what they felt was the first direct hit of the election campaign - forcing Labour to drop its long held hostility to privatisation in order to fill the alleged £12 billion black hole in its finances.

The shift was not instant: a few weeks ago Gordon Brown let it be known that he wanted to sell off the Tote but was rapidly stopped by the race-going Robin Cook. The present search for sell-off candidates, however, was prompted by the Shadow Chancellor's acceptance last week that there was a £1.5 billion gap in his proceeds for the second year of government if he did not try to match the Government's planned privatisation proceeds.

Ministers have been stunned that such a small sum should have prompted such a radical change. "If they panic like this when they are 20 points ahead, what would happen if it was neck-and-neck. one senior minister said yesterday. Emboldened by their success they have turned to the next alleged gap, Labour's promise to release local authority capital receipts in order to fund its house-building programme

About £7.5 billion is sitting in the bank balances of local authorities from the sales over the years of council houses and other assets. The receipts, which they are prevented from spending, are used to keep down public borrowing.

The Tories say that councils will receive a further £1.3 billion a year over the next five years, bringing to more than £13 billion the total that Labour could

But while Labour says that it will phase the release of the money in a responsible way, the Tories have made the assumption that this will be over fiveyears, making the cost £2.6 billion a year. Labour fiercely contests the assumption and says that the extent of the phasing will depend on the capacity of the building industry to respond and "overall economic requirements".

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Frank Dobson and

lighting a Shadow minister's past description of some wealthy businessmen as "stinking, lousy, thieving, in-"STINKING, Landale writes).
Conservative Central Office SCUM."

> abolition of wages councils for employees on the poverty line while themselves having rich and ostentatious lifestyles".

> supported such employers. The comments were first published in *The Sun* on September 29, 1992. "Yes, it is the politics of envy." Mr Dobson was quoted as saying. "We are envious of their

# Tony gets the



the Tory party advert

LOUSY, THIEVING, INCOMPETENT

They said the other remarks referred to Tory ministers who

wealth. These people are stinking, lousy, theiving, in-competent scum. Most of them are Tories."

# bird again

The Tory chicken, left, made a reappearance yesterday when Tony Blair arrived at the Corn Exchange in London. As the Labour leader got out of his car, the chicken, which has not been seen since last Thursday, stepped in front of him waving a placard with the words: "What are you going to priva-tise. Tony?" Labour officials seized the bird and wrestled it away while a courier tried to

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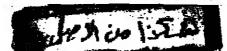
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# Grand prix star finds a captive audience on the political circuit

THE shock on Edwina Currie's face was apparent in the butcher's, but she said not a word. Mrs Currie was at the Allenton shopping centre outside Derby. Between her and the butcher lay a counter of raw and cooked meats,

Sign of panic' cheers
Tories

side by side. A former Health Minister needed no reminding what had caused the E.coli outbreak in Scotland, but this was no time to make enemies: the Tory candidate for South Derbyshire is facing an uphill battle in a constituency to which unhelpful new bits have been added.

This shopping centre was



MATTHEW PARRIS

one of those bits and her mission was to conquer. Outside, a busy ringroad set in rows of Thirties semis with the occasional monkey puzzle tree could almost have been Hendon — until you saw the load of hay passing by. A mixed-up, scrappy place, South Derbyshire — not really a place at all. Just like middle England. Flat cap

With her was the Tory candidate for Derby South, Javed Arain. A Jewish lady towing an Asian gentleman behind her. He was ambitious but nervous: a learner driver out for a practice spin

Mr Arain bumped into an old trade union official. Mrs Currie tut-tutted, "One of the things I've got to teach Javed," said our Damon Hill of the political circuit, "is that you don't argue with Labour

Rumours of her visit had not reached the Pearts bakery when I arrived. Was she around? I asked.

"No. I think we'd know," replied the shop assistant. "She usually has gateaux." Moments later Mrs Currie sailed in, in pale lilac.

"You do look nice," said the assistant, as groupies crowded round. One small terrified lady customer with a Kwiksave bag tried to extract 12 white baps from the mael-strom. Mrs Currie cornered a lad in a Nottingham Refrigeration boiler suit. "Are you one of mine?" "No. We've come to fix the

fridge."
"Where are you from?" she said to a man in the Autoparts Superstore."Pentagon

Vauxhall," he said. Where do you live?" she said to a startled lady with wet hair, pinned over the basin in a hairdresser's.

she chirped at an old fellow in Blades barbers, a hairclipper poised inches from his left ear.

"You're mine, aren't you?"

"Sitting there like cap-tives," she chuckled to us outside, "Ha!" Next, the lilac tornado hit

Green's Footwear. By now we were getting the hang of her technique. Here were people with one shoe off, who could not run. But she saw a sign "Sumbeds upstairs" and ormed up to interrogate a bewildered youth, waiting for his tanning girlfriend.

"I don't vote," he stammered. "You should. Where are you from?

Belper is not in Mrs Cur-



Edwina Currie canvassing for votes at the Rose and Crown in Chellaston

rie's constituency. She swung away to confront a woman just emerged, flushed pink, from a striped pine cubicle. Whatever it was this woman had expected to see after her brief exposure to the ultraviolet, it was not a lilac Mrs Currie. She looked fright-

ened and disoriented. Where are you from?" Then off Mrs Currie went down the pavement, Javed struggling to keep up.

Everyone recognised her.

Most people liked her. Many seemed quite excited to meet ber. But some stubbornly refused to vote for her.

"I met this woman," one of her supporters told me, "who, when I asked her if she'd vote Conservative, said 'No. I don't hold with all these political parties. I'm voting for that Mrs Currie off the

The anecdote was recounted as being encouraging to Derbyshire Tories.

and in a way it is. But things have come to quite a pass when a struggling candidate takes comfort from the fact that voters may forget she's a

"Who's that?" a little girl asked her grandad outside the Rose and Crown in Chellaston, wither Edwina Currie had repaired for a Diet Coke. "That's our MP." he said, proudly, "Edwina Hotpot." He posed for a photograph with her.

# Hague steers clear of speculation on party leadership

Valerie Elliott meets a rising star of the Tory party who has much more than his political future in mind

WILLIAM HAGUE, the Welsh Secretary, took Major's reins vesterday in a bold move to show off his leadership

On this occasion Major was a horse and Mr Hague was demonstrating his cart-driving skill, "Who needs a battle bus?" he said, towering over the prize-winning shire horse. That, however, was the only hint to fuel talk of a future Hague bid for the leadership of the Conservative Party as he went on the campaign trail yesteerday.

"I am not contemplating being anything other than MP for Richmond and Secretary of State for Wales, I am not interested in talk of Conservative leadership elections. Every member of the party should be concentrating on winning the election 24 hours a day," he said.

But we already know that Mr Hague is an astute politician. And it is clear that he is being pushed forward to take a high-profile role in this campaign and is in constant touch with the party strate-gists at Central Office in London. He was put up at short notice yesterday for BBC Radio 4's The World at One to attack what Conservatives refer to as Labour's U-turn on privatisation.

Last night he also put forward the Tory case on education in a Channel 4 television debate with David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary. Angling for the education portfolio perhaps? Mr Hague rejected the notion.

The only time he displayed any irritation was after mugging up his brief for the radio broadcast only to find that the satellite link had failed. He was saved by a telephone at a motorway service station near Bridgend.

After two years as Welsh Secretary he no longer objects to accusations of "going na-

tive". After all, he is to marry a Welsh woman, Ffion Jenkins, a civil servant who works for him, and he willingly said yesterday that Wales had become an important part of his

His fiancee is also teaching him Welsh, which he said he was enjoying very much. He is not impressed with taunts that he is merely an

English overlord representing the Cabinet and Westminster in Wales. The people recog-nise I have fought very hard for the people of Wales and I get tired of the gibes. The job you do is more important than where you come from."

He is also determined to speak out against Labour's plans for a Welsh assembly: That is one think the voters of Wales do not mention on the doorstep. It would be an expensive room full of hot air. It would divide Wales not unite it and make Wales inward-looking instead of outward-looking."

He dismissed talk of a Tory wipeout in Wales at the election and believes he could even win a few seats.

Mr Hague had little time to discuss sleaze. He dubbed it "a. side issue" and said it should not be the subject on which the country's future was decided at the election. It was up to local Conservative associations to choose their candidate. When pressed to say whether he supported more party central control on constituencies, however, he con-ceded that that might be

something to look at later. He fed a six-day-old kid at a Cardiff city farm, cooed at a baby at B&Q and spoke often about Flion — how they had bought his fiancee's diamond engagement ring in London but were thinking of having their wedding rings made from Welsh gold.

He was in such good spirits that he even pledged Welsh Office help in the search for the so-called Beast of Bont, the cat-like creature that has been attacking sheep around Pontrhydfendigaid in Dyfed. But It was a warm spring day and love was in the air, so he added: "I don't think I could go and hunt him personally,



William Hague taking a break from canvassing in Wales to speak to Times reporter Valerie Elliott



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# Zaire troops switch sides as unrest grows in Kinshasa

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent, and William Wallis in kinshasa

HUNDREDS of Zairean gov-ernment troops changed sides yesterday and donned white eadbands to signal their allegiance to rebels closing in on the country's second largest

As they did so unrest grew in Kinshasa, the capital, with factions of President Mobutu's Government squabbling over who should wield what remains of its power.

Soldiers at several barracks in and around Lubumbashi switched sides after men, believed to have been fellow government troops, broadcast appeals on the local radio station urging them to lay down their arms.

In a further sign that Zaire's rebellion is taking the form of a revolution against President Mobutu, the Lubumbashibased Governor of Shaba province repeated his plea that the army should not allow "bloodshed or looting". Kyungu wa Kumwanza was appointed Governor by Mr Mobutu only a formight ago. The President, 66, who is fighting advanced prostate cancer, hoped Mr Kyungu would put backbone into his army after it retreated from a third of Zaire without a

ernor, a former secessionist, has dropped demands for an independent Shaba and sought to reserve a position for himself in a rebel administration by insisting that he looks forward to working with Laurent Kabila, the guerrilla lead-The popularity of Mr

Kabila, who is seen as a liberator by most Zaireans after 32 years of dictatorship under President Mobutu, has grown with every town that he has taken.

capital of East Kasai and the hub of Zaire's diamond industry, fell to his men peacefully at the weekend. Yesterday it was clear that Lubumbashi would go the same way. Groups of soldiers milled about discussing which side to join, businessmen shut their



As a result MbujiMayi, the

The rebels were mostly

Alliance and government envoys continued to meet in ceasefire, but as one diplomat said: "It's difficult to have a ceasefire when there doesn't seem to be any fighting." The

shops and rich Zaireans close to the Mobutu regime continued to leave for the "safety" of What is surprising is that

neighbouring Zambia. there have been no panicking soldiers, and no signs of looting," said a resident of Lubumbashi who is familiar with the army's reputation for

pillage and rape.

The rebel Alliance of Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire took Kipushi, 20 miles south of Lubumbashi, yesterday morning in a surprise attack in which there was no fighting. The sudden loss of the town was a clear indication that the rebels would press on to Lubumbashi, which was expected to fall within two days.

very young, in uniform, and carrying light weapons. They ust moved into the town and then marched on towards Lubumbashi. Everyone was delighted to wake up in the newly liberated area," a businessman in Kipushi said.

vill be Kinshasa, where Mr Mobutu has been keeping a low profile in his hilltop palace while members of the classe politique continue to bicker over who is going to be Prime Minister in his largely defunct regime. Soldiers fired teargas

grenades when one of the spats looked like getting out of control, but there were no reports of serious injuries.

Tshisekedi, the newly appointed Prime Minister, broke through cordons of troops who used armoured cars to try to stop them from marching on parliament yesterday. MPs later abandoned a proposal to oust Mr Tshisekedi, a former

opponent of Mr Mobutu. He was appointed to the post only last Wednesday, and immediately excluded Mr Mobutu's supporters from his

new Cabinet. Several thou-sand protesters set up barricades of burning tyres in the streets of the capital's teeming shantytowns and paramilitary police used armoured vehi charges to disperse protesters

Some police sent to disperse the crowds were visibly slow to obey orders.

The political turmoil in Kinshasa has further complicated the country's crisis. The rebels have captured more than a third of the vast nation since taking up arms in October.

Police and

Inkatha

these 19 of more than 50

deaths in and around Johan-

nesburg on the same day.



Students loyal to Etienne Tshisekedi, Zaire's Prime Minister, demonstrate yesterday against President Mobutu in Kinshasa, the capital

# India risks humiliation of Independence Day chaos

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

ATTEMPTS to save India's ten-month-old coalition Government look doomed, threatening to throw the country into one of its greatest political upheavals four months before fiftieth anniversary of

The chaos in Delhi is in contrast to political stability in Pakistan, which has its strongest elected Government, a Prime Minister who can no longer be sacked by the President, and an army whose new generation of senior officers are giving democracy its greatest freedom.

affairs: rarely in the past decade has Pakistan been in better political shape, or India in worse. Delhi would be humiliated were it still in crisis on August 15, Independence Day. Pakistan celebrates its formation a day

The rule of H.D.Deve Gowde, the Indian Prime Minister, is all but certain to end this week. His aides rule out resignation, but if he does

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not quit there seems no way out of defeat in a vote of confidence due on Friday in the Lok Sabha (lower house of

parliament). A general election may be the only way out of deadlock. although most parties are desperate to avoid one less than a year after the last, inconclusive, poll. The crisis was precipitated by the Congress party, which has ruled India for most of the half century of independence,

when it withdrew parliamen-tary support from Mr Deve Gowda's 13-party coalition futile attempt to lead a new administration. The reason for the split is evidently personal, not ideo-

logical as claimed. Sitaram Kesri, the Congress president, is angry that he and other senior party members are being pursued by police for corruption and other alleged

He has been interrogated about the death of his physician, allegedly murdered. Mr

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Kesni claims this is part of a political vendetta by the Prime Minister against senior Congress politicians, a claim that seems to have some validity given the number who are being pursued. Senior politicians are generally safe from the law unless their rivals

arrange otherwise. Mr Deve Gowda and Mr Kesri have been withering in their comments about each other, dragging politics even lower in the public estimation.

The alternative to an election appears to be the selection of a replacement Prime Minisdoubtless return to the fold if that were arranged. It would, however, expect a withdrawal the financial affairs of some of

Bharatiya Janata Party has pledged to vote against the Government on Friday, ensuring its downfall, unless Congress, which has more to fear from an election than most other parties, loses its nerve.

its senior MPs. The hardline pro-Hindu

> Lionel Jospin, the Socialist leader, called for the Government to lift official secrecy surrounding the illegal phone tapping by the anti-terrorisi unit at the Elysée. François Lentard, the centre-right forformer aides were subjected to wiretaps by his successor, also called for secrecy to be lifted and questioned the existence of the French secret police, the Renseignements Généraux, which he called "archaic".



Pingeot target of "piot" by would be kidnappers

#### Phone taps 'protected Mitterrand daughter'

FROM SUSAN BELL

next major prize for the rebels

THE Elysée Palace telephone tapping scandal continued to escalate yesterday amid revelations of a plot to kidnap François Mitterrand's illegiti mate daughter, allegations of blackmail and calls from both the Left and the Right for the Government to lift "monarchicai" secrecy laws.

Michel Charasse, the former Socialist minister, said that the illegal phone tapping, carried out on Mitterrand's protect the late President's family because of "terrorist attacks" from 1982 to 1986. in an interview published in

L'Est Républicain, M Charasse, a close confident of the former President, said that Mitterrand had received repeated threats to kidnap and kill his illegitimate daughter Mazarine Pingeot, whose existence was only made public in 1994. Gilbert and Jean-Christophe Mitterrand, the former President's sons, had also received "serious threats".

mer Defence Minister, whose

Alain Juppe, the Prime Min-ister, refused a request by Gilles Menage, who headed Mitterrand's office in the early 1980s and is being investigated for the alleged tapping, to waive official secrecy to allow him to prepare his defence.

# Pilots fear tragedies in perilous Africa airspace

SOUTH African airline pilots backed by the International Federation of Airline Pilots Associations — have again issued a warning about the likelihood of "catastrophic accidents" in African airspace caused by the breakdown of air traffic control systems across the continent.

Pilots flying from South Africa are most at risk, having to overfly the entire continent to reach Europe. They point out that once a plane gets as far north as Zimbabwe all African countries thereafter, with the exception of Egypt and Morocco, are "critically deficient in the flight inforlittle or no radar or VHF radio coverage" over 90 per cent of Africa, the pilots say.

"Numerous navigation bea cons are permanently out of service. Other facilities often do not work. Because many airports have not been surveyed for a long time, flightdeck crews cannot be assured that the obstacle clearance heights used in the determination of approach minimum altitudes are still correct. Anemometers and other essential aids are either defective or are

The pilots blame out-of-date and poorly maintained equipment, poor training and corruption. Large overflight and navigation fees are paid to all African states - a typical flight from Johannesburg to London costs an airline more than £5,000 in such fees, but this money simply vanishes and is clearly not being used to maintain air traffic services. In some African countries. such as Nigeria, this situation has produced a high incidence of air crashes, and pilots say that near-misses are becoming

A BOMB which exploded at

the house of one of Burma's

military leaders killed his

daughter and led to a renewed

security alert in Rangoon,

The military junta, the State

Law and Order Restoration

Council (Slore), said last night

that a "terrorist bomb" went

off at the home of Lieutenant-

General Tin Oo, ranked num-

ber four in the junta, which

was under heavy guard yester-

the bomb had apparently arri-

diplomats said yesterday.

writes from Johannesburg vented a collision by less than 100ft. SAA pilots are even common. The pilots have had to fall back on their own resources — the use of Traffic Information Broadcasts Between Aircraft (TIBA) procedures introduced as a temporary measure over Afri-

South African pilots say air traffic

controls over the continent have collapsed

and are calling for action. R.W. Johnson

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ca 20 years ago but today still

basic to any hope of safety in

African skies. The problem is

that the 126.9m frequency

so crowded that even the

efficiency of this stop-gap is

never be hoped to replace more than a fraction of the services which should have been provided by ground controllers,

Second, some planes are fitted with TCAS (Traffic Alert and Collision Avoidance Systems), though these are not compulsory. Using TCAS, one South African Airways plane recently picked up two other aircraft closing on it, one 2,100ft above and one only 200ft above. An emergency avoidance manoeuvre pre-

By Andrew Drummond in bangkok and Our Foreign Staff

than four months that Gener-

al Tin Oo has escaped a bomb

blast. On Christmas Eve, only

a few minutes after he had left.

two explosions ripped open a

Buddhist temple, killing five

Karen separatists and Mus-

lim and student pro-democra-

cy organisations denied responsibility for the latest

bomb. Western diplomats

have not ruled out the possibil-

ity that the bomb could have

been an "inside job" resulting

people and injuring 13.

It is the second time in less

talking of the possibility of reverting to flying to Europe around the bulge of Africa, as in the days of anti-apartheid sanctions. But this route was costly in terms of fuel, are quired modified planes and would be uncompetitive if other airlines did not follow

concerted action not only by the International Federation of Airline Pilots' Associations but by the International Airline Transport Association (LATA) and the International Civil Aviation Organisation, if necessary levying sanctions against offending countries. To date IATA and the civil aviation organisation have steered away from such confrontational tactics. Air safety depends on states acknowledging that deficiencies exist, and no African state is willing to admit to shortcomings.

What the pilots want is

The pilots issued a warning that air traffic over Africa is increasing rapidly and that if the international bodies continue to play a passive role, large-scale air tragedies are inevitable.

Perhaps it will take a few really bad disasters to jolt people into doing what they ought to do now," one pilot said, "but it's quite criminal if hundreds of people have to get killed simply to emphasise a point we've been making for

Cho Lei Oo. 33, General Tin

Oo's daughter, who had two

small children, is said to have

died instantly in the explosion

suspects. General Tin Oo, a

hardliner, had been supervis-

ing a crackdown on the Karen

ethnic minority on the border with Thailand, He has been

quoted as urging the "annihi-lation" of all enemies of the

There was no shortage of

on Sunday night.

# Burma general escapes bomb

Seoul jail, told a parliamentary inquiry he had donated paign and other political fig-Hanbo collapsed. (Reuter)

#### Afghan relief men flogged

#### It's not so good to talk

Haifa: A thief who ransacked a Haifa home found himself in the arms of the law after agreeing to a date with a policewoman over the mobile phone he stole. Sergeant-Major Yardena Rahamim said that the 22-year-old suspect agreed to a date after only a brief conversation. (AFP)

#### state, alienating pro-democra-cy leaders and failing to win friends in Slore, intent on from rivalry inside Slore. luring investors to Burma. Stray dog kills man who befriended it

FROM PATRICK SMELLIE IN WELLINGTON

A STRAY hunting dog mauled to death a man who had befriended it only days earlier. Koro Dinsdale, 59, a New Zealand meat worker, died on Sunday in a frenzied attack.

The dog was identified after a postmortem examination yesterday as a bull terrier cross, of a kind commonly used in New Zealand for pig hunting.

Mr Dinsdale had been out with the

bull terrier and a dog of his own to collect watercress about 100 yards from his

home in the North Island hamlet of Te Puke. Mr Dinsdale's injuries indicated that the brindle bull terrier had first attacked the other dog and then Mr

Dinsdale when he tried to separate them. He was found dead by his adult sons, with horrific bite wounds over 90 per cent of his body. His right leg was almost severed, he had suffered massive blood loss from wounds to his throat, and his arms, hands and abdomen were badly

bitten and scratched. The dog was shot dead when it began stalling family members attempting to

retrieve Mr Dinsdale's body. His brother. Wawi Dinsdale, said Mr Dinsdale was an experienced dog handler and had trained pig dogs, but would not have anticipated the bull terrier's attack. They don't growl or bark. They just go for you and latch on." he said. They should be outlawed."

New Zealand strengthened its dog laws last year to allow the impounding and destruction of dangerous dogs, but did not ban particular breeds because attempts to do so in Britain have led to protracted legal wrangles.

in clash the Inkatha Freedom Party. scuffled with police outside the Supreme Court here yesterday when an inquiry into the deaths of eight inkatha marchers and II other people began (Inigo Gilmore writes).
The eight marchers were killed outside the rival African National Congress's headouarters in Johannesburg on . March 28, 1994. The II others died at two other places. The

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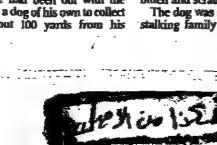
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Pakistan hit by food riots Peshawar: Food riots paralysed this northwestern Pakistani city and hit other towns, forcing the Government to order special trains to take wheat there. About 5,000 people, many carrying sticks, looted a state-run store in Peshawar and hundreds tried to attack two flour mills on the second day of riots, police said. The Government blames the shortage on smuggling

#### to neighbouring countries. hoarding and the late arrival of imported wheat, (Reuter) Jail hearing in fraud case

Seoul: Chung Tae Soo, founder of South Korea's stricken Hanbo Group, in testimony broadcast from a money to President Kim Young Sam's election camures. Three close associates of the President are on trial with Mr Chung and six others for corruption uncovered when

Kabul: Five Afghan workers for a French humanitarian agency were flogged for violating Islamic law and mixing with Afghan women at a party. The flogging, aimed at humiliating the staff of Action Contre la Faim rather than causing them pain, was carried out after a 45-day jail term. They received between nine and 29 lashes each. (AFP)





# Attack on Chinese rights record backed by Britain

By Michael Binyon, Charles Bremner, and James Pringle in beuing

BRITAIN yesterday gave strong support to a Danish decision to sponsor a resolution condemning China's record, at the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva.

Malcolm Rilkind, the Foreign Secretary, confirmed that Britain would co-sponsor the resolution, which has caused sharp division within the European Union, "It is important that international attention is focused on the need for improvement in China's human rights situation," he said.

Ten other EU members are likely to join Britain in backing the resolution later this week. France and Germany, however, insisted that quiet diplomacy would achieve more, and refused to allow the Dutch presidency of the EU to table a motion on behalf of all 15 members. Spain and Italy were also reluctant to endorse the criticism.

China attacked the Danish move. "We still hope Den-

mark will think further about the consequences of such action," Shen Guolang, a Foreign Ministry spokesman. said at a forum on human rights in Beijing. "If it takes the lead in proposing this anti-China motion, then it will be the biggest loser." He added: "Relations will be severely damaged in the political, eco-

nomic and trade areas." Niels Helveg Petersen, the Danish Foreign Minister, said he hoped the move would not harm trade with China, where some of Denmark's biggest companies have extensive interests.

"If you cannot put forward criticism in this forum, where the devil can you do it?" he

Observers said the French position was motivated by a fear of losing trade opportunities. President Chirac is to visit Beijing next month and hopes to sell millions of dollars of Airbus airliners.

The United States also wel-



One of the pictures of alleged torture in East Timor

#### East Timor torture video

Geneva: The camera shows a man's bloody wrist, nailed to his prison plank. Men in khakis torture inmates with sticks, chair legs, electric shocks and metal chains. A corpse wrapped in rags lies in a corner.

These and other graphic images allegedly showing torture of East Timorese youths by the Indonesian Army were presented yesterday to the United Nations

meeting in Geneva by the exiled independence leader and 1996 Nobel Peace laureate, Jose Ramos Horta, for

Mr Horta said the still pictures from a video film were taken in East Timor jails in 1996 and smuggled out recently. He called for a UN investigation and urged arms to Indonesia. (Reuter)

comed Denmark's decision. China has defeated previous resolutions over the past six years, thanks to support from developing countries in the 53-

Chinese academics produced yesterday by the For-eign Ministry said that China's two leading human rights activists. Wei Jingsheng and Wang Dan, currently serving long prison sentences for alleged sedition, were criminals who were "dealt with according to proper legal procedures".

EU Foreign Ministers discussed China on the first evening of their two-day meeting in Noordwijk, a resort on the Dutch coast. Foreign affairs were only part of a look at progress in the inter-governmental conference on such contentious questions as the integration of the Western European Union and the EU, reducing the number of EU commissioners, and reweighting the votes of the large and small EU members.

The ministers' meeting came immediately after the one-day conference of finance ministers in the resort. With the exception of Britain, the ministers used the session to send a clarion call to sceptical financial markets that the euro would be born on schedple on January 1, 1999.

Buoyed by Helmut Kohl's decision to run again for the chancellorship, they mopped up the last technical items on the countdown for the single currency and set a broad date for the selection of the first members of the euro club. The momentous council which will pick the founders is to be held around May I next year in Brussels. The choice of venue was widely viewed as a slap at London, because in normal EU tradition the meeting should be held in Britain as it will hold the Euro-presidency in the first haif of next year. Mr Clarke, far out of line

with his EU colleagues. poured cold water on singlecurrency enthusiasm, saying a launch on schedule was "unlikely but not impossible".

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## Scientist rocks the boat in Noah's Ark case



The geographical feature near Mount Ararat. Turkey, said to resemble the Ark

THE battle between science and creationism entered a Sydney courtroom yesterday. with Noah's Ark at the centre

of the russle. An Australian scientist and an American marine salvage expert are suing creationist Allen Roberts under Australian consumer law. Mr Roberts is accused of breach of copyright and misleading the public in lectures on his explorations of an archaeological site in eastern Turkey which many believe is the remains of Noah's Ark

While lawyers assured the court that the biblical story of creation was not on trial, the small courtroom was packed with supporters from both sides of the divide. David Fasold, a marine

salvage expert, claims Mr Roberts, who holds a US Christian education doctorate, breached copyright by using his drawings of an archaeological site near Mount Ararat in lecture-tour literature. Mr Roberts sold fecture brochures in 1992 containing Mr Fasold's drawing. "I see them as exploiting and embellishing |my drawing| to try to use it to create the

is balanced science and I object to that," Mr Fasold

Ian Plimer, a Melbourne eology professor, claims Mr Roberts misled paying audiences during lectures by referring to scientific reports of the site as partly a result of his work, and by selling video-tapes of his lectures. Both actions, he said, broke Australian fair trading laws. "I have been to the site and looked at his claims and I say they are not convincing," said Profes-sor Plimer, who has a long history of challenging

In his lecture video, played to the court, Mr Roberts said the Turkish site "appeared to be a boat, the kind any child would recognise", adding that it was the size of a "battleship" and matched the dimensions of Noah's Ark in Genesis.

Both sides agree that this case will not have the same impact as the famous "monkey" trial in the United States in 1925. Then a young Tennessee biology teacher, John Scopes, was tried for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. Scopes was found guilty, but the public outery forced Tennessee to moderate creationist education.



Ian Plimer, left, who is suing Allen Roberts, right

### Clinton plea as Israel awaits more suicide bombs

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM AND BRONWEN MADDON

IN WASHINGTON THE urgency behind vesterday's talks between Binyamin Netanyahu and President Clinton was highlighted as

Israeli-Arab violence continued and a senior Israeli officer said more Islamic suicide attacks were expected "in the mmediate future". In Washington, President Clinton

prepared to urge Israel to hold new talks with Palestinian leaders and make rapid improvements in the

treatment of Palestinjans, to save the ernment have in each other, and to peace process. But in yesterday's meeting with Mr Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Clinton planned to treat warily his suggestion that Palestinians and Israelis embark immediately on intensive make-orbreak talks on the region's "final status". State Department officials believe this would be a high-risk and potentially damaging tactic.
Bill Richardson, the US Ambassa-

dor to the United Nations, said: "We are very concerned at the significant and rapid decline in the confidence that the Palestinians and the Israeli Govsome extent in the process itself". Two Palestinians were wounded, one seriously, when a Jewish settler opened fire on them with an Mi6 assault rifle after his vehicle was stoned in the village of Kharbata in the occupied West Bank yesterday. In Hebron, another settler fired in the air

shrine holy to Jews and Muslims. An Israeli bus travelling in annexed east Jerusalem towards the Wailing Wall was attacked by stone-throwing Arabs. The windscreen was smashed

after he was stoned by Palestinians

near the Tomb of the Patriarchs, a

and two passengers wounded. Islamic Jihad, the Palestinian group which last week launched two abortive suicide attacks against Jewish settlers' children, threatened further attacks in a new leaflet. "Zionist settlers, no matter where in our Palestinian land, will not be safe from our weapons and our human bombs," the group said.

Major-General Shmuel Arad, head the Israel Defence Force's Home Front, was reported by Israel radio as claiming that more suicide attacks were imminent.

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## Iranian he toud rio \* violence over trial

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT

GERMANY fears violent retaliation from Iran if this week's Berlin court verdict on the killing of three Kurdish dissidents accuses Tehran of ordering the murders.

Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister, met government security advisers and experts yesterday to discuss the consequences of the verdict, and his office is advising Germans not to travel to Iran, according to Der Spiegel magazine. Relations between Iran and

Germany. Iran's largest Western trading partner, are brittle in advance of Thursday's ver-lict in the marathon "Myko-nos trial", named after the Greek restaurant in Berlin where the dissidents and their translator were killed in a hail of bullets in September 1992. Prosecutors are seeking life terms from the Superior Court of Justice in Berlin for Kazem Darabi, an Iranian, and Abbas Rhayel, a Lebanese, the two main defendants. They are accused of shooting Sadiq Sarafkindi, the Kurdish lead-

er, and his colleagues, aided by three other Lebanese men. After his summing-up last year, Bruno Jost, the state Virginity. prosecutor, prompted angry government denials and demonstrations in Tehran by accusing Ayatollah Khamenei, the country's powerful spiritual leader, and President Rafsanjani of being behind the killings.

# Bonn fears | Bosnia religious violence sharpens fears for Pope

FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEVO

AN ALARMING upsurge in Bosnia's religious tensions is leading to fears for the safety of the Pope during his visit to Sarajevo in five days' time. United Nations and Nato

spokesmen yesterday de-nounced the latest attack, in which three rocket-propelled grenades were fired at a Franciscan friary in central Bosnia-Herzegovina, injuring a local policeman.

Up to 100,000 people are expected to attend Mass with the Pope in Sarajevo's Kosovo football stadium on Sunday. Nato and international security experts are worried that the fractious Bosnian police may not be able to ensure the

Pope's safety.

In many of the recent attacks on Catholic institutions and buildings, the mainly Muslim force has proved an

ineffective deterrent, "Even in this country it's not that easy to wander around with three grenades without someone noticing," a UN spokesman said. adding that the "efforts of the

satisfactory".

The friary damaged in the attack, which is near Kakanj. 40 miles north of Sarajevo, is one of the country's oldest religious buildings. At least 40 windows were smashed by the blasts. Over the past month, at least three Catholic churches and two Muslim mosques have been damaged in similar circumstances, including a church in Sarajevo 20 yards from a police station.

local police cannot be deemed

Bosnian police source denied his force was out of its depth in protecting one of the world's leading figures in a country that is awash with



A defaced poster for this week's papal visit to Sarajevo

arms. "It is not something we're fooling around with," he said. "This is the Pope and the

whole world is watching." Mato Zovkic, Sarajevo's Vicar-General, admitted it was unusual for the Pope to visit an 80 per cent Muslim city. and that the trip would be to his riskiest destination for

some years.

"If he was coming to see Catholics, he would go to Mostar," Father Zovkic said. "But he comes to see the whole country, of which Sarajevo is the capital." The city's prewar Catholic population of 528,000 has been halved, and there are only about 400,000 Catholics in the whole country.

Ironically, it is Bosnia's Croat Catholic community that has most to fear from the papal visit. The Pope has always been an outspoken advocate of a united Bosnia, while many Croats, particularly in Mostar and Herzegovina, favour joining Croatia. The Roman Catholic

Church has been at pains to distance itself from a poster issued by "Croatian Catholic Youth," which carries the message "He Comes to Us" under a picture of the Pope and young Croats waving the nationalist chequerboard

☐ Mine appeal: Aleksandr Ivanko. a UN spokesman. called for more international resources for mine-clearing in Bosnia after three teenagers were killed when they accidentally triggered a device in a field near Ilijas, 12 miles north

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# New tech tracks down virtual jukebox

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

IN A breakthrough which has the potential to revolutionise the record industry, the world's first virtual jukebox has been launched by a French company, allowing music fans to sample and download their favourite songs at the

touch of a button. Paris Music's Savoy-based creators. Eurodat, took three years to develop its experimental technology. The first online music delivery network, Paris Music

is a mixture of jukebox and record shop, although it has several obvious advantages over the latter. The system allows Internet users to listen to their chosen song before deciding whether to download it on to their computer hard disk. A three-minute track takes about 90 seconds to download.

Paris Music is also competitively priced. Songs cost between Frio (El.II) and Fr15 each, half the average price of a CD single in France. There are already

400 wide-ranging titles. The system is being tested in Paris.

Strasbourg and Le Mans before it becomes generally available to the French public in September, according to Eurodat's president, François-Xavier Nuttall, 32. The company plans to expand the service to Britain, Germany and Finland next year.

While about 100 virtual record shops already exist on the Internet, they are mostly showcases which allow users to sample music and to buy their chosen discs by mail order. Paris Music is the first website which allows its customers to download individual tracks.

# Elton leads the way to the frivolous 50s

But not everyone wants to follow suit, says Grace Bradberry

THE pictures of Elton John celebrating his 50th birthday with a fancy dress party at the Hammersmith Palais will have sent a shudder down the spine of anyone approaching their half-century.

There was the former Reg Dwight, resplendent in a jewel-encrusted, Louis XIV-style costume, com-plete with floor-length boa, an enormous wig with a



Over the top: Elton

cuffs. The whole effect suggested that age had not brought wisdom.

With 40-year-olds refusing to change their 30-year-old ways, 50 is becoming the point at which people officially move into middle age. But how do you mark this milestone without appearing sadly staid or ludi-

committed party-goer Christopher Biggins says he would love to throw a similar bash. "I think Elton John was quite right to do something big. If money was no object I would charter Concorde and fly 100 of my closest friends to some exotic island. Sadly, money is an object." he says wistfully. "But who knows, I might be able to tempt Hello! or Okay! to cover it and pay towards

But most people are not party animals — especially if they have to organise the occasion themselves. Author Joanna Trollope says: "I would be perfectly miserable to do an Elton John. I feel quite furtive about birthdays. It's not the age thing. It's just that al-though I enjoy the whole someone else. I loathe it when it's done for me. When I turned 50 I had a

family dinner party."

Newsreader Martyn Lewis, who turned 50 two years ago, would not have done "an Elton John" for the world either: "I've never gone in for the huge thrash where you get very little chance to talk to most of the people who are there," he says. "I held two dinners parties and invited my family to one and friends to the other."

Writer Bel Mooney followed the same pattern when she turned 50 last October. "I had two dinner parties, one in Bath for my Bath friends, and one in London for my London friends. They were riotous, wonderful evenings. In my Who's Who entry I list one of my interests as friends, and I just wanted to have them all around me."

Lucinda Lambton could not resist the temptation to disappear: "I went to Euro Disneyland to see the beautiful American architeccrously undignified? experience. Perry (writer Ordy a few people crave the big event. Actor and and I got into the Metro outside the Opera and we got out in America with Peggy Sue playing on the speakers. I managed not to see Mickey Mouse."

But the man who managed to combine most people's fantasies playwright, actor and director Steven Berkoff. He was in Los Angeles at the time of going to press but his partner, Clara Fischer, recalled jetting out to meet him in Rio de Janeiro, where he was making a film about Ronnie Biggs. "We went to a beach and gelebrated with Biggs. The entire film crew was there



Split personality: "Tim pretty stressed because I feel I have to be two different people," says student Raj Kelair, who had never mixed with white people before going to college

# Caught in the culture trap

girls are

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THE JOURNALIST

Anjana Ahuja is 27, was brought up in Harlow, Essex, and now lives in London. She has one younger brother. Her father is a retired teacher and her mother is a nurse. They

MY PARENTS had already faced a culture divide. My father came to Britain from a high-caste, affluent Hindu family in New Deihi, my mother from a devout Muslim family in Trinidad. The unorthodox union caused considerable unease. My mother's family were concerned that my father was not Muslim; on his side, there was an unspoken

expectation that he would return to India to marry.

The cracks in the family were eventually smoothed over, but they left their mark. My father was strict in some ways,

such as making us do homework, but liberal in others.

There was no discrimination - my younger brother was

expected to obey the same rules. If my father said no to

mething, he would explain why. My mother was a

I dressed as I pleased. I was permitted to go to discos and parties, with a curfew graded according to age. He bought

me a car when I was 17 so I could be independent. He was

happy about me living away from home at university, and accepted the fact I would have boylriends. As a result, I felt

under a lot less pressure than many of my Asian friends. I think it was good for stability — I didn't feel I had to rebel.

We were encouraged to discuss everything and express opinions. It has resulted in a very close-knit family, especially as we have no other relatives in Britain.

Many Asian fathers would faint at their daughters living with a white man, but mine was marvellous. All he wanted to know was, is he educated? Does he treat you well? Does his family accept you? And, most important of all, are you both happy? I can only feel grateful that I was not brought up as an Asian girl living in a Western society, but instead

encouraged to fuse the best aspects of both cultures.

alma Khan, a 19-yearold Bengali woman, leads a double life. At home, she is a quiet and subservient daughter, but once outside, she becomes a hipster-wearing, cigarettesmoking, trend-obsessed

To my parents, I'm the dutiful, obedient and oh so wide-eyed and innocent daughter," she says. "At home you won't catch me in low-cut body tops or tight hipsters, or smoking ..., Yet once I leave that front door, a sudden metamorphosis occurs. Off comes the straitiacket and out impetuous hip chick." Salma's father is a senior

figure in London's Muslim

Bengali community; she is expected to behave according ly. "Sometimes I do feel trapped and conscience-stricken that I can't be open about the other side of me. I know it would break my parents' hearts and cause scandal." So the sexy PVC outfits she secretly owns remain hidden at the back of the wardrobe.

...Salma's predicament may seem extreme, but thousands of Asian girls in Britain lead similar lives. While Asian Few Asian girls

parents cling desperately to traditional ideals, their child-ren grow up with different and these publish their leaves aspirations, which they know their parents will reject. The gap is sometimes unbridgable; a double identity is often

ation is paramount, secrecy is रागड दारपभू two cultures is having an impact on the health of young Asians, according to a paper presented last week at the British Psychological Society.

inevitable. And, since reput-

Dev Sharma, an educational psy-chologist at Newham Council, East London, and Dr. David Jones, from Birkbeck College, London University, looked at three more likely groups of adolescents aged between 12 and 17: 234 British Asians from themselves' Newham. 248

agers, and 242 in-dian teenagers in New Delhi. They discovered that British Asian adolescents felt more pressured and constrained than their white counterparts and teenagers in India. Asian teenagers born in Britain feel that they experience more conflict in their home lives and view their parents as more authoritarian.

Asian girls seemed particularly anxious, and it is already known that they are up to three times more likely to harm themselves, either as a

met and married in this country.

softening influence.

cross the East-West divide without paying a price, says Anjana Ahuja cry for help or in suicide attempts. They tend to feel less

valued than sons and have lower self-esteem. Mr Sharma was inspired to conduct the study because of a worrying rise in the number of Asian teenagers experiencing emotional problems and behavioural difficulties. He THEFE IS CHOUTHOUS DIE sure for Asian teenagers to

conform to cultural patterns, particularly when it comes to sexual morals and friendships between boys and girls. For example, a girl's chastity must be protected at all 'Asian

costs. Parents are worried that their children stray."
He adds: "The problem is, if parents are overprotective and sensitive, children are

more likely to rebel. Some of

that frustration is beginning to surface. This week sees the publi-cation of Tell It Like It Is, a collection of writings by young Asian women about their lives. The book touches on serious topics, such as bullying, rape and lesbianism, as well as lighter issues, such as dating, parties and people's preconceptions about Asian women. The extract on the right is from the book.

Telling It Like It Is: Young Asian Women Talk, edited by Nadya Kassam, The Women's Press, April

#### THE STUDENT

Raj Kelair, 17, is studying for A levels in English literature, psychology and media studies. She is the eldest of three sisters and lives at the family home in Southall, Middlesex. Her father is a train driver and her mother works in an old people's home. Raj hopes to become a journalist.

THE lifestyle I lead is not typical - my dad is a declared atheist. But I would say that I'm pretty stressed. It's because sometimes I feel I have to be two different people.

I am able to be myself at home and speak the language and be silly. I can relax more. It sounds amazing but before I joined college I had never had interactions with white people. It was so strange. Whereas at school I had spoken Punjabi, I now had to talk in English all the time. I would change my voice when I went out. I felt I had to talk really politely. I felt inferior talking to white people.

All my menos are Asian and we go to because our parents know each other. Other than that, I don't really get around. It could be a lot worse. Some of my friends' parents won't let them past the front door. My father draws the line at boyfriends. I don't push my luck.

I also feel pressure because, even though nobody likes to admit it, my parents are looked down on for having three daughters. People used to come to our house and tell my parents "never mind", as if they pitied them. It was as if they

were missing out by not having a son. It was pathetic. I remember being rude to some aunties about it; my father told me off. Now I'm grateful not to have a brother as life could be worse. So I am determined to make

my parents proud of me by getting a decent education.





# The revolution in your head

DE OUNTER

The information age will give rise to the individual, ending the nation state, say James Dale Davidson and William Rees-Mogg

e stand at the threshold of the most sweeping revolution in history. Faster than all but a few imagine, microprocessing will subvert and destroy the nation state, creating a new form of social organis-

ation, the information society. The coming transformation both good news and bad. The good news is that the information revolution will liberate individuals as never before. For the first time, those who can educate themselves will be almost entirely free to invent their own work and realise the full benefits of their own productivity. Genius will be unleashed, freed from both the oppression of government and the drags of racial and ethnic prejudice.

in an environment where the greatest source of wealth will be the ideas you have in your head rather than physical capital alone, anyone who thinks clearly will potentially be rich. The information age will be the age of

upward mobility. will afford far more equal opportunity for the billions of humans in parts of the world that never shared fully in the prosperity of industrial socety. The brightest, most successful and ambitious of these will emerge as truly sovereign individuals operat-

ing in a realm without physical existence that will nonetheless develop what promises to be the world's largest economy by the second decade of the new millennium. By 2025, the cybereconomy will have many millions of participants. Some of them will be as rich as Bill Gates, worth more than \$10 billion each. The cyberpoor may be those with an income of less than \$200,000 a year. There will be no cyberwelfare. No cybertaxes and no cybergovernment. The cybereconomy could well be the greatest economic phenomenon of the

STUDENT

next 30 years. But there is bad news as well. The new organisation of society will leave individuals selves than they have been accustomed to during the industrial period.

When technology is mobile and transactions occur in cyberspace, the capacity of nation states to redistribute income on a large scale will wollapse. This means that you will no longer be obliged to live in a high-tax jurisdiction to earn high income. In the future, when most wealth can be earned anywhere, and even spent anywhere, governments that attempt to charge too much as the price of domicile will merely drive away their

Changes that diminish the power of predominant institutions are both unsettling and dangerous. Just as monarchs, lords, popes and potentates fought ruthlessly to preserve their accustomed privileges in the early stages of the modern period, so today's governments will employ often of a covert and arbitrary kind, in the attempt to hold back the clock. But however ruthlessly governments behave, they will be increasingly required to bargain with autonomous individuals whose resources will no longer be so easily controlled.

The information revolution will not only create a fiscal crisis for governments, it will tend to disintegrate all large structures. Fourteen empires have disappeared in the 20th century. The breakdown of

empires is part of a

process that will

dissolve the nation

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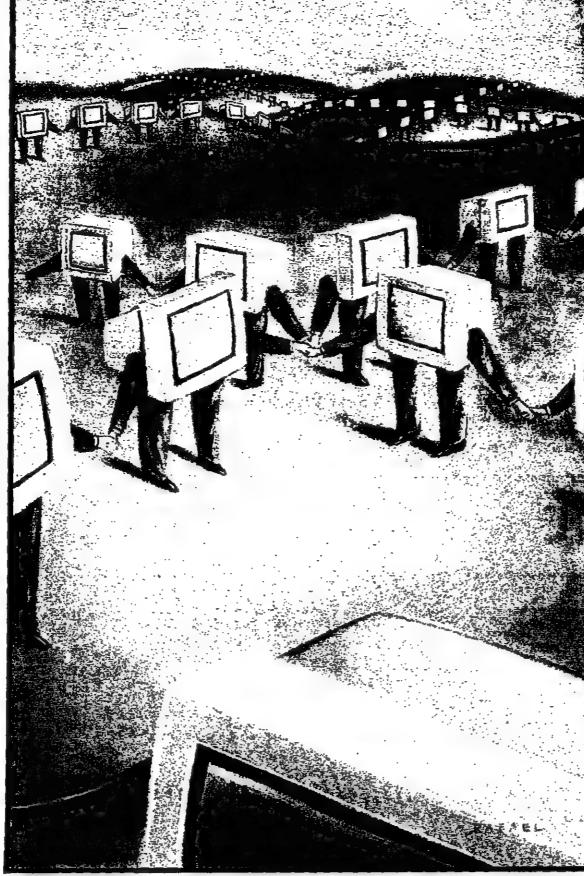
The greatest source of wealth will be the ideas you have

make smaller jurisdictions more successful. The chalienge of setting competitive terms to attract able individuals and their capital will be more easily undertaken in enclaves

than across continents. We believe that as the modern nation state decomposes, latter-day barbarians will increasingly try to exercise power behind the scenes. The modern barbarians have already infiltrated the forms of the nation state without greatly changing its appearance.

roups, such as the Russian matia, are microparasites feeding on a dving system. Violently unscrupulous, these groups employ the techniques of the state on a smaller scale. Their growing of the downsizing of politics. Efforts to contain violence will devolve in ways that depend

The rise of the sovereign individual will not be wholly welcomed as a promising new phase of history, even among those who benefit from it most. Everyone will feel some misgivings and many will despise innovations that undermine



Autonomous individuals and bankrupt, desperate governments will confront one another across a new divide

#### **GLOBALLY CONNECTED**

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BUSINESS people in the Information Age will have the world as their market.

Soon, the differences between your telephone, your computer and your television will be mini-All will be interactive communications devices. You will be able to hold a voice conversation over the Internet, using microphones and speakers on your personal computer. Or watch a

You will be able to talk back to your television and communicate vast amounts of data through the network provided by the television entertainment media. As the industrial-era distinction between various forms of communication breaks down and costs plunge, more and more services will bill

you by time of use rather than according to the destination of your messages. Conver-sation or data transmission anywhere in the world will cost little more than a local call

via virtual You will be able to earn credits to your account with all manner of transactions and carry your phone box with you. Your PC will be the branch office of

your bank and global money brokerage. And like the smart-card pay phones that are useless to thieves if broken open with a crowbar, your computer could only be raided by someone capable of breaking or manipulating a sophisticated computer code.

You will be able to transact business almost anywhere north of Antarctica. You will be able to speak, transmit data, and journey via virtual reality over borders and boundaries at will. Telephone numbers that identify the locale of the speaker by area codes are likely to be superseded by universal access numbers, which will reach the party with whom you wish to communicate anywhere on the planet.

In time, you will be able to shorten a multi-year learning process and converse in Chinese with a factory foreman in Shanghai. It will no longer matter as much that you do not speak his language or dialect. His words may be in Chinese but you will hear them roughly translated into English. He will hear your conversation in Chinese. In time, the capacity to employ instantaneous translation will significantly increase competition in regions where obstacles of language and idiom have heretofore been significant. When that happens, it will matter little or not at all that the Chinese Government may not wish the call to be placed.

As the world grows closer together, you will have a greater opportunity than at any other time in history to customise your partieular place in it. Even the information you receive on a regular basis from the media will be information of your choosing. You will be able to select news compiled and edited according to your instr-

If the news is slow, you will access a virtual catalogue on the World Wide Web. If you see a suit that you almost like, you can adjust the width of the cuff when you place your order. It will be custom-cut and tailored

to fit your body by 'You will robots in Malaysia from photographs be able to scanned into your computer and transmitted through the Net. iourney

You will be able to use cybermoney to investments as well as pay for services and products. If you live in a jurisdiction like the United States that heavily regulates your investment op-

tions, you can choose to domicile your activities in a jurisdiction that permits the freedom to pursue a full range of investment options. You will be able to employ expert systems to help select your investments and cyberaccounts and cyberbookkeepers to monitor the progress of your holdings.

When you are not reviewing profit-and-loss data, you may take a virtual visit to the Louvre or download S.I. Hsiung's translation of The Romance of the Wester Chamber. At times of your choosing, your personal communications system will read the text aloud like a bard of old. Multitasking programs will allow you to perform many functions simultaneousiv.

If you are inspired by your dose of the classics, you can organise a virtual corporation to market dramatic productions of famous literature for viewing through threedimensional retinal display. Instead of being projected into the air, the images will be projected directly onto the retinas of viewers with low-energy lasers fluctuating fifty thousand times a second. This technology, already under development, will allow many persons who are legally blind to see.

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the territorial nation state. It is them to - preferably in refact of human nature that sponse to opinion polls and scrupulously counted votes. This was never as true as it seemed 50 years ago. Now it is an anachronism, as much an that some who are offended by artefact of industrialism as a rusting smokestack. The civic the new ways, as well as many who are disadvantaged by myths reflect not only a mindset that sees society's them, will react unpleasantly. problems as susceptible to Their nostalgia for compulsion will probably turn vioengineering solutions, they lent. The clash between the also reflect a false confidence that resources and individuals new and the old will shape the early years of the new millenwill remain as vuinerable to nium. We expect it to be a time political compulsion in the future as they have been in the of great danger and great reward, and a time of much 20th century. We doubt it. diminished civility in some Market forces, not political realms and unprecedented majorities, will compel societ scope in others. Increasingly. ies to reconfigure themselves autonomous individuals and in ways that public opinion bankrupt, desperate govern-ments will confront one will neither comprehend nor welcome. As they do, the naive

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people wish it to be will prove

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Wrap artists. Grace Bradberry on the season's new wrap-round dress.

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**CHANGING TIMES** 

# Will Martin Bell follow the Master?

An Oxford don showed Tatton the

way, says Anthony Howard

izarre as it may at first Bappear, the decision by the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties to wheel forward the BBC war correspondent Martin Bell — "the man in the white suit" — as their anti-sleaze candidate in Tatton is not without precedent. Allowing for the con-trasting mores of a different time, nearly 60 years ago much the same thing hap-pened in Oxford City though the political background then was projected onto a rather broader, international screen

In September 1938, Czechoslovakia had just been sold out to Hitler in the Munich settlement, and such was the outrage that the Labour and Liberal parties in Oxford re-solved to sink their differences and rally behind a "unity" candidate to oppose the Chamberlain Government's appeasement policy. A by-election was conveniently pending in the city, and their decision was made the easier because a young fellow of All Souls, who backed the Munich agreement to the hilt, had just been chosen as the Con-

servative candidate. By a quirk of fate, that Tory standard-bearer was Quintin Hogg - now, for

the second time, Lord Hailsham who at the hustings had to endure the taunt that "A vote for Hogg is a vote for Hitler". (It is only fair to add that less than two years later, in May 1940, he was one of the 40

or so Tories who voted against Neville Chamberlain in the Commons Norway debate, and so brought about the formation of Winston Churchill's wartime National Government)

Feelings over Munich ran high — and nowhere higher than in the senior common rooms of the university. At a time when academics were regarded as beyond reproach, it was the somewhat austere Master of Balliol, A.D. ("Sandy") Lindsay, who was automatic succession to a Tory seat in the Commons. Lindsay stood as an Independent, but was referred to as the "Popular Front" candidate.

That label, with its communist connotations, was a little unfair. The prime movers in the enterprise were the local Liberals, whose candidate, Ivor Davies, took the lead in proposing that both he and his Labour opponent should stand down. The Labour candidate, Patrick Gordon Walker (who was briefly Harold Wilson's Foreign Secretary, in 1964-65), was a good deal more reluctant. He tried to assert his right, as an aiready endorsed party nominee, not to be pushed aside.

Eventually, however, he was frogmarched by his local party into resignation. He went angrily and resentfully and partly because the lustre of his fame as a junior don at Christ Church was not thought likely to compare with the grandeur of a reigning

Master of Balliol. Alas, as soon became clear, the footsoldiers in the stage army of the good had made a

duff choice. Lindsay was a Christian moral philosopher who knew a good deal about Plato but — unlike Martin Bell — had no claim to be a popular celebrity. He proved a hope-

Nor were his supporters much more suited to the task in hand. In his memoirs, John Redcliffe-Maude (then a don at University College, but later an illustrious Whitehall Permanent Secretary) expressly recalled how he "hated" canvassing the landladies of Oxford and risking rejection on their doorsteps. "Our motley army of amateurs", he wrote nearly 50 years later, turned out to be "no match for the

Tory machine.' No doubt, the political caravan has since moved on - and although the Labour Party was anxious from the start to emphasise that the offer of renunciation in Tatton stemmed from its candidate, it certainly was rather more enthusiastic about blessing it than were the local Liberal Democrats. That is a sharp contrast to what happened nearly 60 years ago when the Oxford City Labour Party risked being disbanded after its mutinous act in

abandoning an officially selected Labour candidate. Of course, The Master in those days party rules reigned su-preme, and it is a of Balliol measure of the knew more changes that Tony Blair has wrought about Plato than politics

"exclusive brethren" tendencies that the party rule-book should look a good deal less sacro-

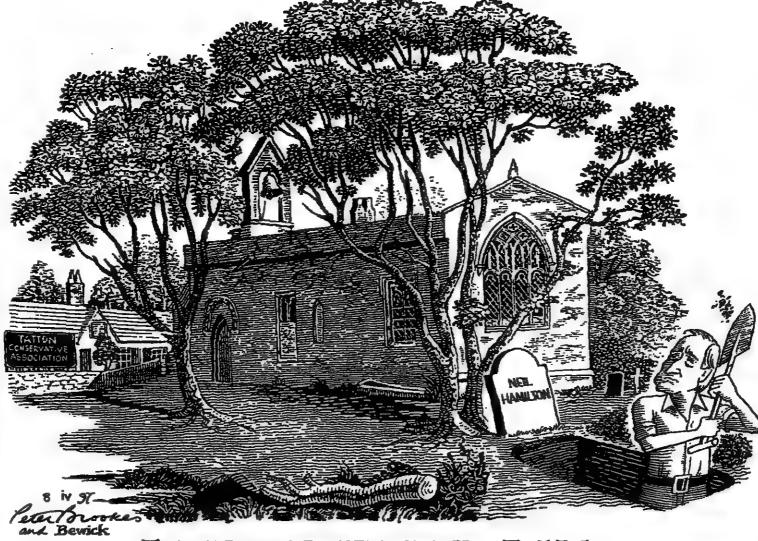
evertheless, it is hard not to feel that the idea of a single issue candiespecially when dressed up in the costume of "Mr Clean" — is fraught. For the record, despite the support of such Tories as Harold Macmillan, Randolph Churchill and a then young Conser-vative President of the Union called Edward Heath, Sandy election by nearly 3,500 votes. He never stood for Parliament

Oddly enough, it was his lack of appetite for political combat that proved his undoing. His fatal blunder was widely taken to be his public promise that if elected he would call it a day and not stand at the next election. That was thought to display a frivolous attitude towards the electorate, confirming the impression that his campaign

was a gimmick.

Strikingly, three weeks later at another by-election, at Bridgwater in Somerset, a candidate much more similar undertaking. He was the 1930s foreign affairs broadcaster and News Chronicle columnist Vernon Bartlett. He not only won the by-election by 2312 votes, but went on to hold the seat by an almost identical majority in face of a Labour as well as a Conservative candidate at the general election of 1945. And how do they feel in Millbank Tower, one cannot help asking, about

a precedent such as that?



FOR WHOM MARTIN BELL TOLLS...

# New Labour is very old

f Labour wins the coming election it will be for two reasons: because it is not the Conservative Party, and because it is not very different from the Conservative Party. Yet, while that might be a good way of winning this election, it is a terrible way of winning the next. As he approaches the election. Mr Blair has one great advantage and one great disadvantage, but at the moment he is in danger of dissipating the first and being overwhelmed by the second. The advantage is that he was elected as an old Labour MP, and remained one. He thus became leader of a party powerfully entrenched in British

society, particularly in the cities, the

North, Scotland and Wales: indeed,

the only party to win a parliamentary majority in the three constituent parts of Great Britain since 1945, and the only one likely to do so again. His great disadvantage is that he is fighting the election within a political system and on policies which have been designed - quite consciously by the Tories for their benefit. Even if the unpopularity of the present Government and the traditions and Party yield him a majority — it does not matter whether themajority is ten or 200 — the political and ideological configuration of Margaret Thatcher's Britain will, unless he changes tack, prevent him from doing anything

> with old, is incoherent. Old Labour had all the familiar aims of traditional social democracy: an emphasis on the collective, on equality, on a rational political discourse, on the redistribution of power and wealth, on social and economic modernisation and a sense that the nation exists only to the extent that its poorest feel part of it. New Labour has been very successful in expoiting the apparent incompatibility between the programme of traditional social democracy and late-20th-century British society. The abandonment of virtually all the components of old Labour has been justified on grounds of social and economic change. Old Labour no longer "fits" contempo-

with it. The result is that, at the

moment, new Labour, by comparison

rary Britain, but new Labour does. This argument has two blemishes. The first is that the question of increasingly unequal distribution of power and wealth remains central to our political life. The second is that new Labour has adopted not the best but the worst of old Labour. And very Ross McKibbin says Tony Blair's party resembles that of Ramsay MacDonald

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old Labour: the Labour Party under Mr Blair more closely resembles the party of Ramsay MacDonald and Snowden than one kitted out

The most obvious characteristic it shares with very old Labour is timidity and a wish to be thought acceptable by the existing elites. The assertion that Labour is no longer a "tax-and-spend" party, apart from writing off all postwar Labour Governments, is simply untrue. The question is who is taxed and on whom and what the money is spent. The average family now pays more in tax than in 1979; the

average plutocrat very much less. The argument, explicitly made by new Labour, that "tax-andspend" Labour Governments were "disasters" is wholseriously suggested that the non-taxing and non-spending interwar Labour

Governments were less "disastrous" than those after 1945? Mr Blair's interpretation of Labour history could prove fatal. since it only confirms in the popular mind the view of the Labour Party as seen from Central Office and the

tabloid press.

The deference offered to conventional opinion, as with Ramsay Mac-Donald's Governments, will be equally fatal. Labour, for instance, was lucky to escape the fiasco of the exchange-rate mechanism as lightly as it did. It supported the Govern-ment's foolish decision to enter the ERM at the highest rate, and had nothing to say when the inevitable happened. Had Labour won the 1992 election, we would now be wondering whether it would win any seats this year; and all because of a desire to adhere to the wisdom of the Treasury. Gordon Brown should remember that the last Labour Chancellor to be called the "Iron Chancellor" was Philip Snowden, who, while he was being lionised by the City, was leading Labour diretly to the election

of 1931, in which, if Mr Brown has

forgotten, Labour won 52 seats.

New Labour also shares with very old Labour a fear of power and an extreme reluctance to practise legislative coercion. No political party can achieve anything without offending or coercing someone. The only people new Labour appears unairaid to of-

fend are members of the Labour Party. Like the Labour Party of the 1920s. new Labour has no strategy for dealing with well-placed opposition. Labour leaders apparently awake every morning terrified by what the tabloids might have to say. But we do not know how effective as managers of opinion the tabloids are. On the one

> occasion when a nolitician (Stanley Baldwin) has seriously taken them on, he won hands down. What does not work is the atit. demoralises Labour and leads to a Dutch auction that in the long run only

the Tories can win. And The Sun's apparent decision to support Mr Blair in the election in no way undermines the force of this argument. A Labour government could tell them to get lost without too much damage, while a really determined government could go much

further than that. But new Labour is not very good either at educating the electorate or at thinking rationally. It is anxious to win and wishes to rock as few boats as possible. This, however, commits Labour to the irrationality and irresponsibility of the tabloid culture, to policies which much of the British élite know to be irrational or irresponsible but which they are too cynical or frightened to abandon. Mr Brown has landed Labour in a real impasse: underexpenditure on things which matter and over-expenditure on things which don't.

In only one respect does new Labour genuinely make up for the ies of old: It is readier to undertake institutional and constitutional reform. Nowhere was old Labour's failure more disastrous than here. This presents new Labour

with a crucial opportunity which, again, is likely to be missed. Caution is unsurprising, but not the half-heartedness of the whole thing.

We are living through the rapid decay of a once viable system of the social relationships that shaped a political culture itself now played out. The institutions of State are not exempt from this decay. The Labour Party has been slower to come to terms with this than the Conservatives. Thatcherism was an authoritarian attempt to restore the old political culture. That the attempt has largely succeeded is partly due to Labour's failure to challenge it. Yet in the wreckage of the old system and in the unintended consequences of Thatcherism there is democratic potential. However, a democratic political culture cannot simply emerge: it has to be willed. This means the democratic "reformation" both of Parliament and of the electoral system. Labour is not free to treat this as though it were something for the next term, or never.

t present, however, each step in new Labour's progress represents a faltering. The increasingly aggressive and mean-minded attitude to the poor and the unemployed, the hounding of teachers, the bullying attitude to schools whose failings are largely the failings of their environments, the clear rejuctance to rehabilitate local education authorities (as in the optedout schools), or even to spend more on education, are all retreats from a democratic society at a time when the possibility of such a society is greater

than at any time since the 1940s. All this might be the purest pessimism. A victorious new Labour might find the courage to take on the tabloids, might create a democratic system, might recognise that the hard-faced Judaeo-Christian piety that dominates the thinking of much of the political elite is not shared by all the electorate. But there is little sign that it will. The contrast between the way Labour is approaching the 1997 election and the way it faced that of 1945 could not be more painful. This is doubly tragic. Unless a new Labour government behaves very differently, it will not only fail, but will have no second chance.

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# There is no black hole

Privatisation isn't a

moneyspinner, says Anatole Kaletsky

For once, the anonymous Tory "senior minister" had a point. "If they panic like this when they are 20 points ahead, what would happen if it was neck-and-neck?" he remarked yesterday to our Political Editor, after Tony Blair had con-firmed that Labour has performed a U-turn in its policy on privatisation. Labour now seems determined to match the Tory plans to raise £1.5 billion next year by selling govern-ment assets. That Mr Blair should want to avoid exposing any Achilles' heel to the Tories' economic attacks is understandable, but in panicking so abjectly in the face of Tory claims about a "black hole" in Labour's spending plans, the party's leaders have displayed a disturbing lack of fortitude and economic understand-ing. This political spinelessness could prove far more dangerous to Britain than anything in the economic sub-stance of the Tories' essentially trivial

and trumped-up charges. · The fact is that there is no "black hole" in Labour's spending plans, and never has been. Gordon Brown and never has been. Gordon Brown knows this and so does Kenneth Clarke. But instead of challenging the Tories and offering a rational explanation of this admittedly rather arcane subject. Mr Brown has backed down and taken refuge in confusion — which bodes badly for his cradibility with financial markets. his credibility with financial markets and suggests there may be many more retreats in the contests that lie ahead for him with the Treasury, the Bank of England, the unions, the Cabinet and Europe's Council of

Ministers. Since Mr Brown refuses to do so. et me explain why there is no hole in Labour's spending plans. First, Labour does not have any public spending plans for the Tories to find holes Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, has made it clear that he will stick to the spending targets already announced by Kenneth Clarke for this year and next. This is perfectly reasonable, if only because it is now too late to change depart-mental budgets for 1997-98 or to make more than a marginal impact on the plans for the following financial year. Whether Labour can enforce the tight budgets envisaged by Mr

Clarke is, of course, another matter. Mr Brown will certainly have a tough time fending off demands for higher wages and for emergency funding in the health service. But the possibility that Labour may end up bowing to pressures and spending more than the budget allowed (as the Tories mselves have done in the last five years) has nothing to do with a "gap" left by abandoning privatisations. This leads to the second and more important reason why the alleged "black hole" is

bandoning privatisations would not leave a gap in A Labour's budget, because the sale of state assets does not reduce public spending. If anything, privatisation tends to increase public spending in the long term. Imagine, for example, that a government building is sold to a property company for £100 million. The offices then have to be leased back at a rising rent, starting at perhaps 16 million a year. This extra rent must be offset against the reduction in interest payments by the Treasury when the £100 million of privatisation proceeds are used to pay off a small part of the national debt. This interest reduction would currently be around £7.5 million — resulting in a small net saving of £1.5 million a year to the Exchequer. But eventually the rising rent on the office building would probably overtake the £7.5 million in reduced interest costs, resulting in a higher level of total public spending in the long term.

Privatisation does not even provide money that can fund tax cuts or pay for public spending programmes. This is a lesson that British politicians, investors and voters should have learnt from the Lawson boom and Major bust, when the vast proceeds from selling profitable state industries were used to support current spending, with disastrous results - first by Nigel Lawson, to finance his inflationary tax cuts. and then by Mr Major, to pay for the public spending binge of our period in the exchange-rate mechanism.

The City has drawn the appropriate lessons, and no longer views privatisation proceeds as a form of "negative public spending". Instead. privatisation is recognised for what in is: an exchange of financial paper which may or may not be preferable to selling government bonds, depending on the precise arrangements made for managing the assets sold. The Treasury, to its credit, is also increasingly taking this view. Influenced partly by the Maastricht treaty. which ignores the quirky British definition of public sector borrowing, Treasury policy now rightly focuses on the government financial deficit a figure which treats privatisation in exactly the same way as an increase

in public borrowing.

Privatisation is often a good idea if it results in more efficient management of state assets. But the merits of privatisation are all about the quality of management. They have nothing to do with reducing public spending, paying for tax cuts or plugging black holes.

# In the can

TATTON'S gain is Jill Dando's sleazeless gardening writer, Monty loss. The Holiday Programme, which Dando froms for the BBC. through the Canadian tundra. has been forced to drop a package on Croatia because it is presented by the constituency's new anti-

corruption candidate, Martin Bell. Bell's enthusiasm for Croatian folk-dancing, for the architectural heritage of Dubrovnik and for its slivovitz plum brandy could sway voting intentions in Tatton, argues the corporation. One BBC man talked of the potential "subliminal influence" of the new sleaze-free, independent candidate, whose skip through Croatia's tourist facilities was due to be broadcast tonight.

"When we are notified that correspondents are to stand for Parliament, they are immediately put on unpaid leave for the duration of the campaign," said a spokesman. "Anything they have done that could be deemed to be supportive of their campaign cannot be transmitted."

Suggestions that the BBC might maintain its impartiality by enlisting Neil Hamilton to present a Paris package, taking in such institutions as the Ritz, have fallen on deaf ears. Instead, viewers will be treated to a presentation by the Don, as he chases polar bears through the Canadian tundra.

◆ Come polling day. Camden Council will be breaking electoral law by displaying directions for their voters in Greek, Urdu, Gujarati, and even Braille. The only language other than English permitted for display in a polling station is Welsh. But the council



of Martin Bell



says: "The law is an ass as far as elections are concerned and it is about time it moved out of the 18th century."

Full span

LAST WORD on the wedding on Sunday of Alan Greenspan, the head of America's Federal Reserve, and TV reporter Andrea Mitchell. When the deed was done, Greenspan gave his new bride a long and deep schnnogg. "A very passionate kiss," was how one wedding guest, Al Hunt, put it. General Colin Powell, who was close by, called it "a moment of sensual exuberance

 very un-Greenspanish". The groom, who wore a pinstripe suit for the big day, is known by the new Mrs Greenspan as "sweet pea". Yesterday Greenspan himself was back on earth, report-

ing bang on time to his office, having decided that a honeymoon would be an inflationary measure.

 Missing from Wembley's Royal Box during the Coca-Cola Cup Final on Sunday was Tom Pendry, the Shadow Minister for Sport. His tickets to the match were in his car at Aintree, where he had spent the previous afternoon, and he couldn't get at them in time because of the bomb scare.

Lette it be

EARL SPENCER'S sun-lounging afternoons by the swimming pool in Cape Town's Constantia suburb are to be interrupted by a visitor more colourful than bougainvillea, spikier than an African thorn.

Kathy Lette, the Australian novelist, is shortly to embark on a book promotion tour in South Africa. and unbeknown to Spencer, she has him firmly in her sights: "I don't know where I will be staying," she says, "but I do have an introduction to Charlie, and have been told that he is very hospitable." Before offering up his showermat for her, Spencer should be warned of Miss Lette's crusading bent. They are all so sexist in South Africa," she says, "I intend to knock the masculine stuffing out



• The talk in Vail, Colorado, concerns the unveiling of a picture of Diana, Princess of Wales, by local artist Packy Walker. For a frame he claims to have used the lavatory seat on which she sat during her flight with Northwest Airlines to the skiing resort two years ago. He says he nipped into the loo towards the end of the flight, saw his frame and made off with it.

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THERE is a touch of the Vidal Sassoons about Ken Clarke these days. For Sunday's televised de-bate between the Chancellor and his opposition numbers, he ap-



Ken Clarke from the blow-dry to the greased back

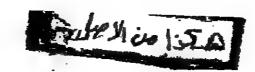
peared with his hair dark and slicked back, looking like the old film star Jack Hawkins. Stick him in a boiler suit and he would have looked quite the militant shop-floor strike leader. Rewind, however, to March 18, and see how he appeared at an early election press conference: hair

> texture and colour. Either he had spent too much

time in the sun - unlikely in one who prefers the stouty dark of a pub - or else he had endured a losing tussle with the henna bottle in the shower.

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#### **EURO OR BUST**

The next Prime Minister faces the worst of both worlds

The world will not wait for British general election campaigns. While the party leaders spent the weekend pronouncing on their relative deservedness of public trust, European Union finance ministers met in Noordwijk. The Netherlands. That agenda was dominated by detailed issues of how the single currency would be implemented. Those conclusions will prove vital to the nature of monetary union. This issue will overshadow the politics of the next Parliament regardless of who holds power or whether this country participates in it.

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The most significant aspect of the meeting was not the communique but the comments afterwards from Theo Waigel, Germany's finance minister. It has looked increasingly likely that his country will overshoot the official public borrowing figure - no more than 3 per cent of gross domestic product and hence fail to meet the convergence criteria of the Maastricht treaty. Until now Bonn has been in the vanguard of upholding those rules. On Sunday night Herr Weige declared that he had "never nailed myself to the cross of 3 per cent". The clear implication of those remarks is that Germany expects to be included in monetary union from the outset, even if its economic performance has not satisfied the formal requirements.

Germany has shifted its stance because it fears that the alternative to a selective fudge of the convergence criteria is a delay in launching the euro. Any alteration of the original timetable, Chancellor Kohl believes, might lead to the collapse of the whole enterprise. Germany would prefer to meet the Maastricht conditions but if it cannot, then it will argue that special circumstances - the unique costs of unification - should be considered in its favour. To offset such short-term difficulties. Bonn has succeeded in strengthening the sanctions that will apply to countries inside the single currency that exercise poor fiscal management.

The end result is that the euro is now more

probable but less plausible. If Germany is permitted a margin for error on its budget deficit, and France continues to engage. unobstructed, in creative accounting, then the rules as redefined will be met and the euro initiated on time. It will inspire less credibility as a consequence. Unification certainly has brought extra costs to Bonn and there is no special significance attached to a particular deficit figure. Once, however, one "special exemption" is acknowledged it will become harder to resist other pleas. A stronger stability pact will inspire little confidence if the single currency starts life as the creature of political convenience.

All of this should make Europe even more saliant to the electorate. John Major and Tony Blair have each claimed that the single currency is unlikely to emerge on schedule and thus there is no need for an immediate decision. That is clearly not the case. Both parties have suggested that there is uncertainty about the character of monetary union. That is also far less true. There are few reasons of fact rather than faction which would now prevent a party from fully declaring its position. Robin Cook's sceptical comments about EMU entry in the next Parliament, apparently authorised by Tony Blair, have all but eliminated the remaining snace between Labour and the Conservatives. This still leaves an ambiguity gap between politicians and public.

Whether or not Britain enters a single currency is only part of the picture the next Prime Minister will face. Britain will hold the EU presidency in May 1998 when final judgment must be made on which countries are qualified for monetary union. That meeting will either endorse a selective fudge or uphold the original conditions. It is a choice that could shape Europe's economy for decades. Chancellor Kohl has decided that it is the euro in 1999 or bust. The most important challange facing John Major or Tony Blair is to ensure it is not both.

#### THE PRICE OF LOYALTY

Tatton Conservatives look set to discredit themselves

The tradition of local autonomy in the Conservative Party is a noble one. But it is a freedom that brings with it responsibilities. Tonight the whole country will be watching to see whether the Tory association in Tatton is prepared to exercise those responsibilities in its own interests and the interests of the

party to which it belongs.

Loyal supporters of Neil Hamilton cannot relish the limelight that has been shone upon themselves, their candidate and their constituency. But it is the actions of their candidate, and their blind attachment to him, that have brought this problem upon them. If they hoped that, after the first few days of the campaign, the issue of "sleaze" would go away, they were wrong.

Now that Martin Bell, the BBC war correspondent, has announced his intention to stand on an "anti-corruption" slate in the place of the Labour and Liberal Democrat candidates. Mr Hamilton's misdemeanours are once more in the headlines. But Tatton's Tory candidate is shameless in his refusal to be embarrassed either about his own position or the effect of this affair on his party at large. He seems determined to brazen it out. So, if he will not fall on his sword, he will have to be pushed.

Yet most members of his association are doing their best to ensure that this does not happen. They take Mr Hamilton's protestations of innocence at face value. They ignore the revelations of his self-incriminating evidence to Sir Gordon Downey, or dismiss them as no more than the propaganda of a left-wing media campaign. They seem determined not to hold a secret ballot tonight, even though this practice is now the universally accepted method of taking democratic decisions.

This newspaper has argued that Mr Hamilton should stand down. We are not part of an orchestrated left-wing conspiracy. We merely believe that, on the basis of what Mr Hamilton has already admitted, he no longer deserves to be a Member of Parliament. Others in a similar position have done the decent thing and resigned. Mr from his lack of shame. Those activists who still revere Mr Hamilton may have deliberately shielded themselves from the evidence of his wrongdoings. Once they start knocking on doors in Tatton, they will discover how many stalwart Tories are unwilling to support Mr Hamilton. These voters may well turn to Mr Beil instead.

The result could be worse than the loss of a safe Conservative seat to an independent. If Mr Hamilton is allowed to fight on, the national electorate will be reminded for the rest of the campaign that the Tories are the party accused of sleaze. What better ammunition could Labour have to support its best argument — that it is time for a change?

We do not want to believe that the Tatton Conservative Association is filled with blind loyalist whose political judgment reflects only the force of Mr Hamilton's personality. If they adopt him tonight, however, that will be the conclusion that we, and most of the rest of the country, will be forced to reach. Loyalty may in the past have been the Tories' secret weapon; it is about to inflict on the party a grievous wound.

#### **NATIONAL DAY**

Democracy was the real winner at Aintree

It did not matter whether it was done well, all that mattered was that it was done at all. Yesterday's running of the one hundred and fiftieth Grand National did not, could not, recapture the festive air that was lost on Saturday with two rasped codewords. Yet as a celebration of stoicism and sang froid, as well as a rebuff to the republicans, it was worth all the the effort. The IRA may have been able to ruin the weekend for tens of thousands with a coward's call. But what they disrupted they could not destroy. The presence of the Princess Royal and thousands of other racegoers was a defiant rejoinder to the republicans' cynicism. The sacrifices made by Liverpool's police and people meant the race could be run and the punters, crumpled but unbowed, could enjoy the bittersweet pleasure of enriching the bookmakers while knowing that the day's real winner was democracy.

The Englishman's diary is a sporting almanac. His seasons are marked by the subtle changes from flat to steeplechase and pitch to square as much as those from pink blossom to green leaf then gold. In the calendar certain dates are sacred. From the Boat Race through the FA Cup Final to Wimbledon the sporting year has its rhythm, as traditional yet compelling as the

progress of thoroughbred over fence. Some of the occasions, Henley perhaps or Ascot, have an exclusive air about them but others earn a place in the diaries of all. The Grand National, like the Derby but with more drama, is pre-eminently such a day. By striking at one of the most democratic

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festivals of the sporting season the IRA were not aiming a blow at the British Establishment which they mistakenly fantasise is their oppressor, but at the innocent citizens of all these islands.

Their own countrymen, as much as anyone, will have grieved to see the race cancelled and delighted to see it revived. Despite the efforts of extremists and a history of misunderstanding far more unites than divides the Irish and the English. Not the least of the ties that still bind is the appreciation of bloodstock and the attraction of betting. Shared perceptions of rural Ireland and England at their most idvilic and intertwined come from the saddle. whether of Somerville and Ross or Surtees and Trollope. The presence of so many Irish. as jockeys, trainers or punters at yesterday's race was more eloquent of the true state of relations between the peoples on either side of the Irish Sea than any IRA statement.

The quiet victory of normality in the face of severe testing was particularly happily embodied by Tony Dobbin's triumph on Lord Gyllene. A horse that has suffered more than its share of knocks shook off past injuries to give the audience, at Aintree and beyond, a handsome finish. There will have been more losers than winners among the weary racegoers who returned home last night. But all those who saw their betting slips turn worthless in their hands should console themselves with the knowledge that, even more than with any lottery flutter, their gamble played a small part in safeguarding our heritage and securing our future.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# and Arab boycott

From the Director of the Britain Israel Public Affairs Centre

Sir, Sir Cyril Townsend's assertion (letter, April 3) that the Jewish population of Jerusalem grew from zero to around 170,000° since 1967 requires

In 1870 the population was 22,000, of whom 11,000 were Jews, 6,500 Muslims and 4,500 Christians. Since at least 1875. Jews have constituted an absolute majority. In 1967 74.2 per cent were Jews and 25.8 per cent Arabs. Today, the total population is 560,000, of whom 405,000 are Jews and 155,000 Muslims or Christian Arabs.

Sir Cyril's reference to "zero" Jewish population presumably relates to the period 1948-67, when Jerusalem was ruled by Jordan and all Jewish residents of the eastern sector were forcibly expelled.

When Jerusalem returned to Jewish control in 1967, Jews rebuilt their homes in the Old City (which, along with all their synagogues, had been destroyed) and other areas where they

In the construction in Har Homa 75 per cent of the land that was legally expropriated by the Israeli Govern-ment had been in Jewish ownership.

Sir Cyril is correct, however, in his assertion that "every Israeli Government since 1967 has declared that Jerusalem is the capital of Israel". It is, and always has been, at the centre of Jewish spiritual and physical long-

Yours sincerely, HELEN DAVIS, Director,

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From the Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Group for Israel

Sir. The resolution of 22 Arab foreign ministers in Cairo to halt the process of normalisation with Israel and restate the Arab League-sponsored primary boycott represented a self-defeating policy. Your editorial, "Shameful isolation" (April I), was therefore as timely as it was welcome.

If implemented, such measures would impact negatively on many of the states that previously were sufficiently emboldened by the new climate to have the courage to establish trade links with Israel. They commenced this trade not as a reward for the peace process but correctly out of profound economic self-interest.

The Arab world generally has much to gain from Israel's high-tech industries and know-how. Israel in turn can th from the skills a sources of the countries around it.

Trade is an essential glue of good relations between states and the British Government, no less than the British business community, should be in the vanguard of promoting that ideal in the Middle East.

British companies trading with Israel and the countries surrounding it should understand that the resolution in Cairo is not directed at or applicable to them. It is an area where British companies are expanding. They should be encouraged to make ater efforts now, when tensions are high and morale may be low; then, when the peace process moves to a more robust and warmer phase, the dividends to these companies could be EDOMBOUS

Yours faithfully ANDREW STONE. Chairman, British Overseas Trade Group for Israel. PO Box 2283. Accurist House, 44 Baker Street, Wl.

#### Tax self-assessment

From Mr Paul Carlier

Sir, The Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICA) seems to be trying to frighten members of the public into unnecessarily engaging an account-ant to assist with the completion of their self-assessed tax returns (report. April 5; see also Weekend Money, same day).

Most returns will be relatively simple to calculate and will involve little extra effort beyond supplying the information which had to be provided in any case under the old system, indeed, for the first time at least, one has the option of performing the calculations oneself or allowing the tax inspector to do so. I do not believe. despite what we are told about the level of numeracy in this country, that some simple arithmetic is beyond the scope of the average individual.

Surely most people already cal-culate their tax liability themselves without difficulty from the data on their returns as an independent check on the tax inspector, as I have always

I believe that organisations such as the Advertising Standards Authority and the Consumers Association have quite rightly criticised the use of scaremongering material to sell products such as burglar alarms, and I do not see why the ICA should be allowed to get away with this tactic.

I should add that I am in no way connected with the Inland Revenue. Neither, as you may have guessed, am l an accountant.

Yours faithfully, P. C. CARLIER. 24 Beaumont Park. Danbury, Chelmsford, Essex. April 7.

#### Jews in Jerusalem Power, 'paranoia' and Freemasons

From the Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England

Sir, It would have been pleasant if Patrick Stevens ("On the square, but are they on the level?", Law, April 1: see also letters. April 5) had stuck to facts about Freemasonry. He was kind enough to record that he has "never come across any direct evidence of Masons using their connections improperly", but that did not prevent him from garnishing his article with hearsay and innuendo, or from repeating the old basic mis-conception that Freemasons have no purpose other than furthering the nterests of other Freemasons.

Every Freemason knows from before he becomes a member of a lodge that he must not use his membership to promote his own or anyone else's business, professional or personal interests. He is reminded of it again and again in his early Masonic life, and he nows that if he breaks the rule he may be suspended from his lodges or even expelled from Freemasonry.

This underlying fact of Masonic life is entirely compatible with the obligations of anyone involved in the law, and for anyone to suggest that the jud-ges, magistrates, police officers and lawyers who are Freemasons are bound to forsake their public duty is to impugn their integrity. They, and Freemasons in every other walk of life, know that obedience to the law and loyalty to the organisation they work for take priority over any inclination to help their friends.

Mr Stevens's instances and his conclusion echo the Home Affairs Committee's recent report, which for most of its 56 paragraphs approves of Grand Lodge's efforts to encourage Freemasons to be more open about

and ensure firmly the rest know they

continue to use the area "at their own

Leave it to the individual's best

judgment, which is usually the most

inwardly satisfying (and least patron-

ising) in the long run, anyway. And of

course this completely defeats terror-

Sir, What is the answer, asks Mr

Hoole, to the problem of bomb

hoaxes? Is there not some possibility

of forming an independent team of ex-

perienced risk assessors to take re-

sponsibility for sifting out credible

bomb threats from those which are

It is quite understandable that those

entrusted locally with the safety of large crowds will not take any chances

of being blamed for deaths or injuries

and will thus be ultra-cautious in their

actions. But if large-scale road diver-

sions, railway closures and the evacu-

ation of premises are to take place ev-

ery time a bomb threat is received by

people inexperienced in differentiat-

ing the bogus from the real, then this

A far better balance clearly needs to

he struck between the need to protect

the public from terrorist attack and

the need to ensure the public's right to

travel and spectate in comfort.

38 Beaumont Road, SW19.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN KENNY.

April 7.

country will swiftly grind to a halt.

ist strategy.

April 7.

Yours sincerely.

BRIAN WARNES

The Coach House,

From Mr John Kenny

simply malicious?

50a Blackheath Park, SE3.

Bomb hoaxes

From Mr B. C. J. Warnes

their membership and to help authority investigate serious allegations that Masonic connections have been misused.

The committee's final paragraph alleges that Freemasonry is a secret society and that one of its aims is the advancement of its member's interests. This paragraph does not follow the facts in the committee's report, and does much to perpetuate the unjustified paranoia about Freemasonry which it observes is a factor in the public's perception. Its recommendation about registration of a spare-time interest by a minority group imperils the right in a free society to join or be a member of a lawful association — a most shocking implication for per-sonal liberty in this country.

Freemasons' spending on charity (over £13 million last year) comes from the pockets of Freemasons (and their families and friends); we do not ask the general public to contribute to our funds. If Mr Stevens does not notice our community buses or our donations to hospices and other charitable concerns, it may be because good news does not sell newspapers.

Mr Sievens's allegation that "the religious and moral basis of Freemasonry is slight" is quite unfounded. Our first and continuing requirement is that Freemasons should believe in God, and all the message of our ceremonies underline the fact that Freemasonry is concerned with moral and spiritual values.

Yours sincerely, M. B. S. HIGHAM, Grand Secretary, United Grand Lodge of England, Freemasons' Hall Great Queen Street, WC2.

#### Election debate

From Colonel J. H. McGuinness

Sir, How I agree with your cor-Sir. I am surprised that it should be thought that many people would be interested in seeing Mr Major and Mr respondent, Mr Kenneth Hoole, today about war-time bombing. The authorities, for understandable rea-Blair in an election debate. Many of us have seen them on numerous occasons, may be trying to over-protect us. There should be an announcement sions, confronting each other across the floor of the House of Commons, that bombs may be present - eg, on a without being either amused or motorway or at a sporting event. Give those who want to leave time to clear,

> May I suggest that it would be far more interesting if each of them appeared separately to debate with Sir James Goldsmith the question of our future relationship with the European Union.

That is, surely, by far the most important question of the day and it is noticeable that the two aforementioned party leaders generally appear rejuctant to discuss it.

Yours faithfully, JAMES MCGUINNESS, Pen-y-Bont Fach. Cynwyd, Corwen, Denbighshire.

#### Full disclosure?

From Mr Simon Pettet

Sir, Claimants of means-tested benefits who fail to declare earnings not only face having to repay those benefits, sometimes years after the event, but also the possibility of criminal proceedings.

Two MPs have made retrospective payments to the Inland Revenue having presumably failed to declare earnings on previous tax returns (report. March 27).

Should those who seek to deprive the public purse of tax by making incomplete statements on tax returns not face similar criminal proceedings to those making incomplete statements on benefit claims?

Yours faithfully. SIMON PETTET (Welfare rights adviser). 11 Capstone Place. Bournemouth, Dorset. April 2

From Mr Harold Mitchell

ally predicted.

Sir, Mr Martin Wargent (letter,

March 31) states that the key to under-

standing the issue of whether offen-

ders spared prison sentences are more

likely to return to crime lies in the pre-

dicted likelihood of reoffending. He

claims that probation research shows

that supervision in the community

produces better results than statistic-

That surely is not the point. David

Maclean, the junior Home Office Minister, quoted actual recidivism

rates (report, March 24) - not

predicted ones. The actual rate

showed that those sent to prison

reoffended less than those given

community sentences. If, however,

judges and magistrates choose to

ignore this fact, is it any wonder that

the Home Secretary and the public

One thing is certain. Crime cannot

be controlled by lenient sentences or

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for publication should carry a

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may be sent to a fax number -

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believe them to be misguided?

ignoring the facts.

HAROLD MITCHELL.

38 Clevegate, Nunthorpe.

Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

Yours faithfully.

April 1.

#### Prisons and crime Last charge

From Mr John Lockwood Sir, A number of claims have been

made in your columns (letters, March 31, April 5) over what is generally considered to be the last cavalry charge mounted by the British Army. I have no doubt myself that the last took place in Syria on June 12, 1941. The Oueen's Own Yorkshire Dra-

goons, together with the Cheshire Yeomanry, were ordered to clear Vichy French from a hilltop at Soueida. It was decided that a charge was the only way to seize the objective and a thousand men thundered across a plain to drive out the Vichy French. It is not an occasion I am likely to forget since, as a Farrier Sergeant serving in "C" Squadron of the Dragoons, I took part in that charge. Miraculously, although we were fired on by the French, there were no deaths and casualties to both men and horses were light. But a charge it most cer-

tainly was. Next Thursday, April 10, 31 of us who took part in the charge, including the "C" Company Squadron Commander, Simon Green, who went on to command the Yeomanry, will attend our annual renunion in Doncaster. We will have no doubts about the date of the last cavalry charge by the

British Army. Yours faithfully. JOHN LOCKWOOD, The Haven, Broad Oak, West Hill, Ottery St Mary, Devon.

#### Role models and the gender gap From Mr W. J. Woodward

Sir, John O'Leary ("Boys, it's a chronic decline of phonics". Education, April 4) reported on Dr Bonnie Macmillan's intriguing theory about the root cause of the growing gender gap in educarional performance. Both seem to start from the position that, in Mr O'Leary's words, "Young girls have always done better than boys, mainly, it is thought, because they mature more quickly. Dr Macmillan now attributes boys' increasing failure to catch up with an under-use of phonics since the 1980s.

There is a more alarming possibility and one which, if valid, would take much longer to correct. Since the mid-1980s there have been more than ten times as many women as men entering the teaching profession in the primary sector and more than twice as many in the secondary sector. This contrasts with the mid-1960s, when there were more men teachers than women in the secondary sector, albeit three times as many women than men

in the primary sector. Could it be that only recently has the secondary sector provided predominantly female role models, whereas the primary sector has always so provided? This might explain not only the current failure of boys to close the gender gap but also its initial

Yours etc. W. J. WOODWARD, Kaadan, High Easter Road, Leaden Roding, Dunmow, Essex.

From Dr Julia Matthews

Sir, It is probably the innate desire to please, rather than an ear for phonics, that gives little girls a headstart for reading. Learning to read requires hard work on the part of teachers and pupils and phonics is only one of the several skills needed.

Motivation, interesting material and individual attention in the early stages are all contributory factors. Smaller classes when starting school would help to prevent the boys from slipping through the net.

Yours sincerely JULIA MATTHEWS, 50 Sydney Road, Bexlevheath, Kent. April 4.

#### Darrens and Deans

From Mr Arthur Tanner

Sir. Your report "Darrens and Deans are 'born to fail at school' "(April 2) reinded me of my expe was head of department in a boys' comprehensive school in the early

Our practice was to "set" new pupils by an ability test, but only after they had had half a term to settle in. So in September at the beginning of term each year I put all of them into mixed ability groups.

One year, out of interest, I put the Edwards, Charles and Jameses into set A, the Marks and Johns into sets B and C and the Darrens and Deans into set D (the sets, of course, were not called by these letters).

Alas, very few changes had to be made after the boys were tested at the end of October.

Had extra resources been put into teaching the Darrens and Deans to read at the age of five - if need be at the expense of secondary schools' budgets - the picture might just have been different

Yours faithfully, ARTHUR TANNER, 69 Barton Road. Thurston, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

#### Quick off the mark

From Mr Jonathan Izzard

Sir, I have great sympathy with Nigelia Lawson waiting for her daughter to reach the Barbie phase (article, April 2). I have anticipated my son's desire for a Scalextric set and various accessories and have hought one ready for him. I anticipate his birth within the next three years.

Yours faithfully, J. IZZARD, 7 Dunlin Close. Kingswinford, West Midlands. April 2.

#### Due recognition

From Sir William van Straubenzee

Sir, The practice seems to be growing of conferring the title "Emeritus" on those retiring from posts of distinction. Professors Emeritus proliferate. Deans do it, seemingly automatically, though I have yet to see it bestowed on

A substantial number of Members of Parliament are retiring at the forthcoming general election. Would it therefore not be an appropriate moment to institute the title "MP Emeritus"? It would, I suggest, be restricted to those who have served for 25 years or more and who retire of their own

All I ask is that the practice be not made retrospective.

Yours faithfully. WILLIAM van STRAUBENZEE (Conservative MP for Wokingham, 1959-87), 36 Ebury Street, SW1. April 4.

accord.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

WINDSOR CASTLE April 7: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Dinner Party at which The Duke of York and The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon were present.
The following were invited: His

Excellency the Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates and Madam Al-Gurg, His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Republic of Zambia and Mrs Mtesa, the Reverend and Mrs Anthony Burnham, Sir Peter and Lady Middleton, Sir Robin and Lady Butler, Sir Colin Cowdrey and the Lady Herries of Terregle Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Bar-ney White-Spunner, and Mr Hugh

and the Hon Mrs Roberts.
The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon opened the enhanced facilities at the Windsor Leisure Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Berk-shire (Mr Philip Wroughton). **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

April 7: The Princess Royal today attended the One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Grand National at Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside (Mr Alan Water-

ST JAMES'S PALACE April 7: The Prince of Wales today visited Aberdeen and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the City of Aberdeen (Councillor

Mrs Margaret Farquhar, the Lord

His Royal Highness this morning opened the new Gordon High-landers Museum, Viewfield Road. The Prince of Wales, President, afterwards visited 27 Albyn Place and reviewed the work of the Grampian region of The Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust.

His Royal Highness this after-noon attended a Civic Reception at the Beach Ballroom to mark the occasion of the official opening of the Gordon Highlanders Museum. The Prince of Wales afterwards opened The Prince Charles Cader Training Centre, The Prince Charles Barracks.

His Royal Highness, Patron, the Abbeyfield Society, later visited the Abbeyfield House, Torphins, and was received by Her Majesty's (Captain Colin Farquharson of Whitehouse Lond-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire KENSINGTON PALACE

April 7: The Duke of Glouceste Patron, Heritage of London Trust today visited Thorpe Coombe House, Thorpe Coombe Hospital, Forest Road, Walthamstow. Afterwards His Royal Highness visited the Clock Tower, Caledonian Market, and also visited St Luke's Churchyard, Old Street, Islington, Later The Duke of Gloucester attended a Luncheon at the Six John Soane's Museum, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2

#### Royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will entertain the Members of the Order of Merit at a reception and luncheon at Wind-

The Duke of York will attend a dinner onboard SS Canberra at Southampton at 7.00 to mark her retirement and commemorate the 15th anniversary of the commiss-ioning of P&O vessels for the Falklands campaign. The Duchess of Gloucester will

open the new operations building at Warrington Police Station at Headquarters at Warrington Hospital at 2.05; and will open the new Brow County Primary School. Runcorn, at 2.50. The Duke of Kent, as Honorary

Air Chief Marshal, will visit Royal Air Force Stafford Equipment Supply Depot. Beacaside; Stafford-

#### Institute of Biology

The following have been elected as Fellows and may use the designatory leaters CBiol FiBiol:

Dr w Addams, Dr JG Barr, Professor F H W Butterworth, Dr R Clarke, Mr D J B Durfe, Mr A G Gasson, Dr P N Green, Mr A G Greenwood, Dr T D Healing, Dr J B Huichison, Professor P John, Dr J K Hirkwood, Dr R R B Leakey, Professor W D S Leat Filmo, Dr K C Lowe, Professor J S Marsh, Dr W T Mason, Professor J S Marsh, Dr W T Mason, Professor J S Marsh, Dr W T Mason, Professor J Mifflin, Mr G J Pillington, Professor C J Policok, Professor D J Porteous, Professor J Rhodes, Instead W Brothers W Sharma, Professor J K Smith, Professor G S Siray, Dr W Warnoe, Call 0171581 8333 for information in membership. The following have been elected as

#### Meeting

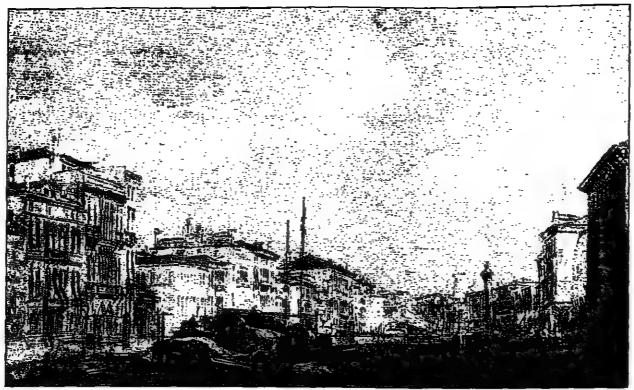
Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Michael Gwilliam was the guest
speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas
League held last night at Over-Seas
House, St James's, Mr LJ, Lickorish
presided.

#### Birthdays today

Mr Kofi Annan, Secretary-General, United Nations, 59; Mr Tony Banks, MP, 54; Mr Hywel Bennett, actor, 53; Mr Mark Bhandell, racing driver, '31; Sir Andrew Bowden, MP. 67; General Sir Anthony Farrar-Hookley, 73: Lord

Mr J.P. Kavansigh, racehorse QC, 91; Air Commandant Dame Alice Lowrey, former matron-inchief, PMRAFNS, 92; Mrs Mary

Moore, former Principal, St



Bonington's painting of the Grand Canal, Venice, with the Rialto in the distance, goes on sale on Thursday

#### Rare watercolour found to be worth £60,000

BY JOHN SHAW

A 19TH-CENTURY painting of Venice, initially thought to be worth a few thousand pounds, has been identified as a rare watercolour by Richard Parkes Bonington worth about £60,000.

It was discovered by Henry Weanes, a watercolour specialist at Sotheby's in London where it will be sold on Thursday, The picture's owner, who lives in Sussex, inherited it from his

Mr Malcolm Bishop was the

speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Mr Michael Shaw was in the chair.

Cardiff Business Clah The President of Cardiff Business

Club. Sir Idwal Pugh, was present at a dinner held by the Club at the Park Hotel, Cardill last night. The

guest speaker was Sir Andrew Large, Chairman, Securities &

Clay, Chairman, Brewin Dolphin Bell Lawrie, Wales presided.

Quartet Competition
Mr Richard Somick, Chairman of

the London International String Quartet Competition, and Mrs

Somick gave a dinner last night at The Goring Hotel to mark the

commencement of the competition at Goldsmiths' Hall. Among those present were Lord Menuhin. OM. and Professor Yfrah Neaman

(artistic directors) and other mem-

bers of the international jury, with

Mr Stuart Devlin (president).

London International String

ment Board. Mr Glynne H.C.

Dinners

The study was mounted and the mount carried the name of Thomas Shotter Boys, a well known artist and a follower of Bonington, who died in 1828. The superior quality of the work was recognised when the owner took it into Sotheby's office in Sussex and it was sent

for a second opinion to Mr Weanes in

Bond Street He said yesterday: "When I was shown the picture I instantly recognised the unmistakable hand of Bonington, despite the misleading name on the

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

demic

mount. The picture must have been downgraded at some point and attributed to Shotter Boys, a very capable artist in his own right but definitely not in the Bonington league."

The watercolour dates from the last

year of the artist's life and shows the Grand Canal with the Rialto in the distance. The composition of the architecture and the viewpoint of the painting relate closely to a known drawing and oil by Bonington, both in distinguished

#### Time for Britain to join Anniversaries the fight against looting

BIRTHS: Sir Adrian Boult, conductor, Chester, 1889; Mary Pickford, silent film star, Toronto, 1893; Sonja Henie, world skating champion and film actress, Oslo,

DEATHS: El Greco, painter, To ledo, 1614: Elisha Oris, pioneer of the safety lift, Yonkers, New York, 1861: Vaslav Nijinsky, ballet dancer, London, 1950: Pablo Picasso, painter, Mougins, France, 1973; Omar Nelson Bradley. American army general. New York, 1981.

Isambard Kingdom Brunel's steamship Great Western sailed from Bristol on her maiden voyage to New York, 1838. King Zog of Albania abdicated, 1939.

The League of Nations held its final meeting, 1946.

#### Service luncheon Somerset Light Infantry

Officers of the Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Alberts) and their guests attended a regimental luncheon held yesterday at the Mount Somerset Hotel, Taunton. Colonel J.L. Waddy presided.

Legal appointment Mr Paul Darlow has been appointed a Circuit Judge on the Western Circuit.

#### **Marriages**

Dr V Calderon Joya and Dr the Hon Laura Habgood The marriage mok place on Sat-

urday at St Michael's, Malton, North Yorkshire, of Dr Virgilio, Caldron Joya, son of the late Dr V. Moncada Joya and of Mrs Cal-dron de Joya, of Tegucigalpa. Honduras, to Dr the Hon Laura Caroline Habgood, elder daughter of the Right Rev Lord and Lady Habgood, of Malton, North York-shire. The Right Rev Lord Habgood and the Rev R. Rogers

officialed The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, the Hon Adrian Habgood was attended by Elliott Habgood and Henrietta Titcombe. Mr Francisco Alvarez

was best man. A reception was held at the Green Man Hotel, Malton, and the honeymoon will be spent in Honduras.

Mr P.M. Cuthbert and Miss R.F. Priddle

and Miss R.F. Priddle
The marriage took place at
Callander, Scotland, on Friday,
March 21, 1997, between Peter
Maurice, eldest son of Mr and Mrs
Maurice Cuthbert, of Butleigh,
Somerset, and Ruth Frances,
youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs
John Priddle, of Batcombe,

#### Luncheons

London Metal Exchange The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Clive Martin, met members of the Board of Directors of the London Metal of Directors of the London Metal Exchange at a luncheon held yesterday at 56 Leadenhall Street after he had toured the exchange. Lord Bagri, chairman, presided.

Farmers' Company Mr Marcus Cornish, Master of the Mr Marcis Company, presided and presented travel awards to Mr Julian Copernan, Mr Alexander Johnson, Mr Timothy Metson and Mr Bruce Trelfall at a livery and apprentices huncheon held yes-terday at Farmers' Fletchers' Hall. The Master of the Fletchers' Com-pany and the Editor of the Farmers Weekly were among the guests. Monday Luncheon Club Professor Alan Watson was the

principal guest at a luncheon of the Monday Luncheon Club held yes-terday at the Savoy Hotel. Mr Roland Shaw presided

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr J.R.E. Turner and Miss B.M. Kennedy

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Mr Peter Turner, of Dalham, Suffolk, and the Countess of Effingham, of Blackmore End, Essex, and Brigid, younger daughter of Sir Paul and Lady Kennedy, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Mr G.W. Barker

and Miss E.R. Sherlock The engagement is announced between Guy, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Barker, of Holbrook, Suffolk, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Sheriock, of Gostorth, Newcastle upon Tyne,

Mr J.M. Daniel and Miss K. Yamada
The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs John Daniel, of Bale, Norfolk, and Kazuko, younger daughter of the late Mr Shizuo Yamada and of Mrs Sachi Yamada, of Odawara.

Mr R.J. Goddard and Miss V. Madge

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Goddard, of Rendcomb, Gloucestershire, and Ginny, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Madge, of Puckington, Somerset. Dr F.R. Jack and Dr V.A. Bryden

The engagement is announced between Pergus, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.G.N. Jack, of Lymington. Hampshire, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.J. Bryden, of St Helen Auckland, Co Durham. Mr J.C. Middleton

and Miss A.J. Hart The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Middleton, of Market Drayton, Shropshire, and Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hart, of Camberley, Surrey.

Mr P.M.H. Stone and Miss E.T. Maher The engagement is announced between Fred, son of the late Mr Michael Stone and of Mrs Stone, of Littlebourne, Kent, and Tierney, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Maher, of Tampa, Florida, The marriage will take place in England.

#### University news

Nottingham
The following will receive honorary degrees from Nottingham University in July:

Mr Trevor McDonald, broad-caster, Doctor of Letters, for ser-vices to broadcasting and iournalism.

Mr Michael Grade, former chief executive, Channel 4, Doctor of Laws, for services to broadcasting. director, Nottingham Playhouse, Doctor of Letters, for services to the administration and management of the arts. Mr Colin Marthews and Mr

David Matthews, composer brothers, Doctors of Music, for their services to music and composition. Professor Brenda Gourlay, vice-chancellor and principal, Natal University, South Africa, Doctor of administration and academic man, HSBC Holdings, Doctor of Laws, for services to business and banking. Sir Richard Sykes, chairman and

chief executive, Glaxo Wellcome, Doctor of Laws, for services to pharmaceutical sciences industry. Harold Garlinkel,

University of California, Doctor of Letters, for services to sociology. Professor Sir Harold Kroto, Nobel prizewinner, Doctor of Science, for Professor Gordon McVie, directoreneral, Cancer Research Campaign, Doctor of Science, for

services to cancer research. Mr John McKenzie, secretarygeneral, World Federation of Enineering Organisations, Doctor of Science, for services to

Sir Martin Wood, Immder, Oxford Instruments, Doctor of Science, for services to physics and technology

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#### My son, keep my words; store up my commands if you would live, and treasure my teaching as the apple of your eye. Proverbs 7: 1,2 to Annabel and Peter, s daughter, India Rose. BIRTHS to Michelle (née Bentley) and Henry, a son, Charles Henry Dumas, BRAHAMS - On Friday 28th March at The Postland Hospital, to Tracy and Barrie, a daughter, Gahrielli Shoshana, a sister for Chum HOGE - On April 2nd at The Porthand Hospitel, to Leslie (note Cartin) and Andrew, a AMMESTER - On April 4th at The Portland Hospital, to Vicki (née Schaverien) and Paul, a son, james, a brother lor Morthere. SCOTT - On April 4th 1997, to jo Code Thellow) and Prodck, a daughter, Locy Elizabeth, a sister for Will. Nicols (née Lodge) and Alex, a daughter, Mary Helenn, a status for bertie. STAMEFELD - On 2nd April 1997 at Muntrose Royal Infirmary, to Mary (née Backembury) and Edward, a daughter, Katharine BELL .- To .Deborah (née daughter, Elizabeth NADSIAM - On 23rd March 1997, to Shirley and Jelian, a son, Samuel Nicholas, a brother for William, Thomas and Otres.

MARRIAGES E. With the OACH:CAMPBELL Sylvides Repliety Office on 5th April between Darren Mark Roach and Julia Dawn Campbell, Comfile (née Pepplatt) and Comfile (née Pepplatt) and Charles, dampier, Taimin Ann, sister to Fergus. DEATHS

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CAPACATIO - On April 1st at
The Fortland Hospital, to
Annette Marie jarosek stoj
james Carrabino, a son,
james Christopher. ALASZEWSSI - Danuth Maria peacafully at her home on 21st March, much loved widow of Miscryslaw, loving mother of Eva, Barbara and Andy, John and Helez. Cetabration of her life, 12-30pm Friday 11th April, Beckenham Grematorium, Beckenham Frowers and shrubs to be planted in her memory to H. Copeland, 9, Bromley Road, Beckenham, FEES 5NI. CURRIE - On April 7th 1997 a CURRIE - On April 7th 1997 is Bruderholzspital, Switzerland, to Daniela (née Gojesda) and Edward, a son, Frederick Archibald, a brother for Antonia. Hetchcock - On 13th March 1997 at Boyal Hants, Hospital, to Arthur and Jules, a daughter, Emma Wyatt, a sister for Sally, CAMPER - On April 4th 1997 to

JAMES - On April 4th 1997, to Maxy and Johnny, a son. many and Johany, a son.

The Portland Hospital, to
Wendy and Grass Wendy and Gregor, a son, Alistnic, a bonny brother for

BAKER-BEALL - Kathleen peacefully on April 5th 1997 beloved wife of the late Rowland. Much loved Mother, Gandmother and Great-Grandmother, Fumeral Service to be held at 5t Michaels Church, Beer, Deven on Friday April 1th at 3 pm. All friends welcome. Flowers or donations for the NSP-CC. may be left at the Church or sent clo Overmass. Duncar.

MARSFIELD - On 29th March
1997, to Earl and Nicola
(née Brown), a daughter,
Incama Emily.

MARSFIELE - On April 3rd, to
Lorder (née Wood) and Guy,
a daughter, Nazasha.

MARSBIEL, On 12th March
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BATTEY - Reith suddenly at hone on April 5th. Beloved husband of Judy, proud father of Jumes and Joanna and stepfather to Bickerd and Rate. There will be a private funeral followed by a Memorial Service to culpitate Estith's life at a future date to be arranged. Enquiries to Cooper & Son, telt (01825) 763763.

Hilda's College, Oxford, 67; Mr W. Garth Morrison, Chief Scout, 54; Mr Peter Rogers, chief executive,

Mr lar Smith, former Prime Minister of Rhodesia, 78; Mr Alec Stewart, cricketer, 34; Sir Thomas Thomson, former chairman, 74; Miss Dorothy Tutin, actress, 66; Miss Vivienne Westwood, fash-

BROWN - Christine on April 5th peacefully, much loved wife of Stewart, devoted mother of Vichy and Claim, and loving despiter of Gase and Anson. Funeral Service at 2 pin Friday April 11th. Pamily Howers, donations for Macmillan Nursee clo JA. Whitston. Ring Street, Knutsford Wals 6DW. Tel: (01566) 632664.

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BOUCHER - Albert Desmond, beloved husband of Jessia and a much loved father, grandfather and great-

grandfather and great-grandfather, passed sway peacefully on April 2nd 1997 speed 92 years. The Funeral Service is at All Saints Church, West Lavington, on Thursday April 10th at 2 o'clock. Re flowers, but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Executed Services, Captie Farm, Hillworth Enad, Devises.

DUNCAM - Pencefully, on 4th April 1997, Rev. George B. Duncan MA. Cherished husband of the late Catherine, dearly loved father and grandfather. Paithful Minister of the Word Funeral Service 3 pm on Friday 11th April at Holy Trinity Church, Colemans Hatch, near Hartfield, East Sussex. Thanksgiving Service to be held at a later date.

#### Christening

On Faster Eve in the Palace of Westminster the son of Mr and Mrs Graham Robertson was christened George James by Canon Donald Gray. The godparents are Mr Andrew Greaves, Mr Michael Hughes, Miss Rosie

BAWDEN ALLEN - Anna suddenly on 5th April in April 5th, passed pescefully france after a short Ulness. Husband of Caroline and

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Valuation of the Devid Henry Thereton (ECRG, DFC) on 5th April 1997 at home, in his 81st year. Seleved husband of Millicent and much loved father of Ecbert and Marianus and stephather of Christopher and Elisabeth. Funeral at St Augustine's Church, Finthem, Northschamshire at 230 on Fridry 11th April. Memorial Service in London to be amnounced here.

e COUNT - On April 4th, W.W.J. (John) Le Count 3qn Ldr ret'd of 5t Issey, Commell Enguleus (01206) 812626.

MACAURAY - Evolyn passed away peacefully at Colchester Hospital on April 2nd. Beloved wife of the late Charles Jack Wilfred Macaulay. She will be vary sadly missed by her daughter Mitte Ann Helsen and her grandchildren Emma. Thain, Leuren and John.

MACDONALD OF GLEMMONI -IAR. (Alastair) Macdonald, CHE, on 4th April, perceivily in many aged 74. Loving based of ather and grandfather. He had lived and worked in Malays, Nagaria. His ashes will be presented in the live of any

MATTHEWS - On April 6th 1997 at his home in St Agnes, Cornwall, Leslis William, husband of Pat, Schools Female Francount Crematorium, Trano, on Thursday April 10th at 11 20 at 12 made payable to the 5t Agnes Methodist Chapel may be sunt to AC. Richards & Son, Quey Road, St Agnes, Conwall.

this important treaty is a great step forward," Federico Mayor, Unesco Director-General, said at the signing. "It must encourage other states to have Françoise de Panafieu, the French Ambassador to Unes- Renfrew of Kaimsthorn

MORGAN - How Llewelyn of Holyport, formerly of Neath and a Director of Barclays Private Sanking, suddenly on 3rd April aged 50. Much loved husband of Jan. Will be deeply assessed by his family, friends and colleagues. Faneral on Thursday 10th April at 11 am at Stough Crematorium. Family flowers only. Enquiries on E. Sangeant & Son, tel: (O1628) 7637-25.

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so. It is the first northern European country to adopt the convention, which was signed

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France passed initial legisla-

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EU directive on cultural property forced the present ratifica-

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VECCHIETTI - Passed away suddenly on March 29th 1997 at the john Andellife Hospital, Oxford Antonino, aged 78 years. Beloved page of Feter, Annalisa and Cristina. He will be sailly steed by all of his friends in the Italian Community, Puneual service in the St John's Chapel, Oxford Gresnatorium on Friday April 12th, at 10 am. Family flowers only please, for details regarding douatons please countet the Oxford Italian Social Club. Flease note the douations

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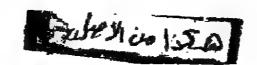
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#### **OBITUARIES**

## CAPTAIN NICHOLAS BARKER



Captain Nicholas Barker, CBE, Captain of HMS Endurance, 1980-82, died of cancer yesterday aged 63. He was born on May 19, 1933.

AS THE only naval vessel in the South Atlantic at the time of the Argentine investment of Leith in South Georgia and the ensuing invasion of the Falkland Islands in the spring of 1982 the Antarctic ice putrol ship HMS Endurance was very much in the lion's mouth.

Although of limited military value. Endurance was a token of British commitment and a political pawn of some significance. The widely publicised decision by the British Government to withdraw her from the South Atlantic at that time must have indicated to the Argentine military dictatorship yet another weakening of British resolve over the Falklands.

Always vulnerable to defence cuts, Endurance had been reprieved in 1976 when the research ship Shackleton was fired on by an Argentine frigate and again in 1977 when her helicopter discovered a small military presence on the British dependency of Southern Thule. These and other incidents, including intelligence reports, had signalled a certain change, a hardening of Argentine artitudes, but, in an act of remarkable political insensitivity, the 1981 Defence Review decided to end her employment.

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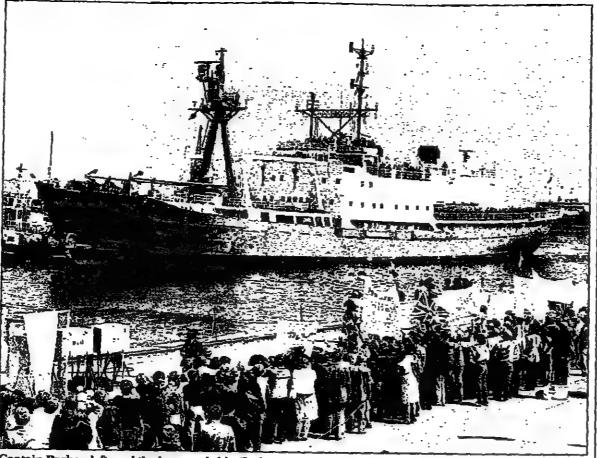
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As her captain from 1980, Nick Barker willingly became immersed in the strong historic tradition of the Royal Navy's enthusiasm for the Antarctic, a tradition which runs from Cook through Ross to Scott. Joining forces with those lobbying bodies that have an interest in Antarctica and who wanted to preserve the naval presence, he worked outside the conventional chain of command and made quite a nuisance of himself in the corridors of Whitehall.

It was, possibly, memories of this robust politicking that caused officials to undervalue some of his percipient appreciations of the various clues concerning Argentine intentions that were signalled back from the South

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Captain Barker, left, and the ice-patrol ship Endurance returning to Chatham after the Falklands campaign

Atlantic during the build-up to the invasion. Endurance, with 22 Royal Marines on board. was originally dispatched to remove a party of Argentine scrap-metal merchants from Leith in South Georgia, but this operation was abandoned when the Argentine ship Bahia Paraiso turned up with over a hundred armed Marines led by the notorious Lieutenant Alfredo Astiz.

Nick Barker recalled: "On March 31 I realised things were coming to a head ... Endurance was hiding in the entrance to Cumberland Bay, not showing a chink of light, we were prepared to fight, but Ithe C-in-C) ordered us back to Stanley in the Falklandsj. Much delayed by a gale, I was very agitated; I realised the Argentine landing in the Falklands might find us half-way and unable to help at either place. My last contact with Rex Hunt [the Governor] was on the night of 1/2 April; he wished us the best of British luck. As far as I knew. the nearest British naval vessel was at Gibraltar. We knew there were at least four Argentine warships at sea."

With only two 20 millimetre Oerlikon guns, Endurance was perhaps fortunate to arrive back at South Georgia too late to help the 22 Royal Marines who defended Grytviken stoutly before surrendering, having been ordered to minimise casualties. She then had to lose herself until elements of the Task Force arrived on April 14 to retake South Georgia as the first step in the War Cabinet's strategy of escalation.

Operation Paraquet, as it was called, nearly became a disaster thanks to extreme weather and cold, but an added bonus to the surrender of Lieutenant Astiz's force under a hail of naval gunfire was the elimination of the submarine Santa Fe. Discovered on the surface and unable to dive because of missile hits and fear of air-dropped torpedoes, Santa Fe was captured in a damaged state off Grytviken. It was one of the Endurance's Wasp helicopters that fired the first Royal Navy missile from a

helicopter in wartime.

After her action in protecting South Georgia, it was fitting that Endurance, with the frigate Yarmouth, should finally end the conflict by taking the surrender of the Argentine garrison in Southern Thule. Barker was appointed CBE.

Nicholas John Barker was always very proud of his father, Lieutenant-Commander John Barker, who was killed in action in June 1940. In command of the destroyer Ardent, he had made a gallant but forlorn attack on the German battlecruisers Schamhorst and Gneisenau in an attempt to protect the carrier Glorious from destruction towards the end of the ill-fated Norwegian campaign.

Orphaned in 1943 when his mother

Orphaned in 1943 when his mother died. Barker was brought up by his grandfather, a retired naval captain. Educated at Canford and joining the navy through National Service in 1951, Barker had no less than eight seagoing commands, including, prior to Endurance, the frigate Arrow and subse-

quently the modern guided missile frigate Sheffield as well as the Fishery Protection Squadron. Those who predicted that his outspoken nature and flamboyant style — one Falklands campaign historian described him as "courteous and with the look of a prosperous businessman" — would dish his chances, were clearly wrong.

Retiring in 1988, Barker read for a Defence Fellowship at Churchill College, Cambridge, and then took up a host of activities connected with the sea, founding and chairing North European Marine Services and chairing the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen. He was a council member of the British Maritime Foundation, was made a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in 1986, a freeman of the City of London in 1986, and was elected a Younger Brother of Trinity House. In March this year he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of the county of Tyne and Wear.

His account of the Falklands War.

His account of the Falklands War, The Falklands, A Common Denominator, was published in 1984 and a successful novel, Red Ioe, in 1987. These were followed shortly before he died by a well-received account of his difficult relationships with the Ministry of Defence and his views of the prosecution of the Falklands War entitled Beyond Endurance; an epic of Whitehall and the South Atlantic.

Elizabeth Redman was dissolved in 1989; he is survived by his second wife Jennifer and the two sons and two daughters from his first marriage.

#### ROBERTO SÁNCHEZ VILELLA

Roberto Sánchez Vilella, former Governor of Puerto Rico, died on March 25 aged 84. He was born in 1913.

ONE of the founders of modern Puerto Rico, Roberto Sánchez Vilella was the second elected governor of the island. He worked for the increasing autonomy of Puerto Rico and wanted it to become a sovereign state, enjoying an association with the United States along similar lines to that which the Dominions used to enjoy with Britain.

But Sanchez was a sombre technocrat by nature. A taciturn pipe-smoker with thick horn-rimmed spectacles, he appeared - when compared to his ebullient and charismatic predecessor - a colourless, hough extremely efficient, administrator. His only passions outside politics were horse racing and dominoes. Puerto Ricans were stunned, therefore, when at the age of 55, he suddenly announced that he was leaving his wife of more than 30 years, to marry a beautiful mulatto girl many years his junior. If his marriage to his staff assistant added colour to his personal life, it left his political career in a shambles.

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A native of Mayagüez, Roberto Sánchez Vilella was the son of a Speaker of the Puerto Rican House of Representatives. He was politicised from an early age and was always to remember witnessing the 1937 police massacre of members of a peaceful demonstration of the Nationalist Party on Easter Sunday. He testified against the police which led his father to denounce them as murderers in the House of Representatives.

Sanchez, however, decided at first not to follow in his father's footsteps. Spurning politics, he went to Ohio State University to study civil engineering and on graduating was offered a job by the Tennessee Vailey Authority. It was Luis Muñoz Marin, later to become the first Governor of Puerto Rico, who persuaded him not to accept this offer but to return to his home island instead. He was at the right hand of Muñoz when he was organising the foundation of the Popular Democratic Party (PDP) which was to enjoy power in Puerto Rico for 30

Muñoz initiative, including the much vaunted "Operation Bootstrap" which transformed the island from an almost



Buonomo shortly after their marriage

feudal agricultural society into a modern industrial state, he became chief of staff when Muñoz was elected governor in 1948. When Puerto Rico gained full commonwealth status in 1952, Sanchez served state and Secretary of Public Works.

Though he was a notable contrast to the gregarious and emotional Muñoz. Sánchez was Muñoz's choice as his successor as Governor in 1964. He won the election with 60 per cent of the vote, inaugurating his campaign with the slogan "New People, New Ideas and a New Style".

However, despite his skill as an administrator, he did not have a strong political base of his own. Dissident politicians undercut him by forming rival factions. Yet if there were doubts that he could win the next election, it was Sanchez himself who ensured that he would lose it. He outraged the largely Roman Catholic electorate by divorcing his wife and marrying his 35-year-old staff assistant, Jeannette Ramos. And, on top of everything eise, sne was a muiano woman, a racial aspect which caused considerable affront to the stuffer upper reaches of

In the midst of the scandal, however, Sánchez clung to office. Although he said at first that he would not stand for reelection — a decision of which Muñoz approved — he then stunned the voters a second time by changing his mind and founding a new party, the People's Party, under the slovers

gan "Let the People Decide". In the event, the people decided they did not want him and he lost the 1968 election, aithough in standing he pulled enough votes away from the PDP to take that party's candidate down with him. Muñoz was never really to forgive him and, despite their once having been the closest of colleagues, the finiteur between them lasted until shortly before Muñoz's death in

Sanchez retired from politics to become a university professor of public administration and a political analyst for radio and television. He also resumed his love affair with horse-racing, something he had sacrificed in order to become a politician. His second wife later divorced him.

former wives, and by a daughter from his first marriage and a daughter and son from the second.

#### PERSONAL COLUMN

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#### **BETTY SAUNDERS**

Betty Saunders, journalist, died of cancer on April 1 aged 69. She was born on January 7.

Bernard Palmer as Editor in 1989.

Betty Smith, as she was before her marriage, was born

SOMEWHAT surprisingly for someone whose byline came to be most strongly associated with the Church Times, Betty Saunders learnh ther trade first in the hard school of regional papers and then on the Daily Mirror as a crime correspondent. But it was in middle age, as one of the best known and most liked reporters on ecclesiastical affairs, that she ultimately made

her name. Having left the Daily Mirror to concentrate on childrearing, she returned to fulltime work as a Church Times reporter in 1978. The paper was lucky to enjoy her blend of professionalism, Anglo-Catholic staunchness and inexhaustible charm for almost 20 years thereafter. Throughout this period she also wrote a wealth of feature articles, and under the alias of "Sidesman" was for nine years author of the paper's Portugal Street Diary. Her role in the life of the Church Times, if anything, became even more influential after John Whale succeeded before her marriage, was born in Manchester and grew up near Wokingham, Berkshire. Her overriding career ambition was always journalistic—she became fascinated by newspapers well before the age of ten—and her mentor, the then Rector of Bearwood, said she should write for the Church Times.

But as a teenager her interest in the Church began to

dwindle and, on leaving school at 16, she joined the staff of the Berkshire Chronicle, acquiring a lifelong capacity for memorising long quotations. She also worked on the Reading Mercup, Oxford Mail and Reveille before moving to the Daily Mirror. On arrival there she was told that her appearance—"like an enrolling member of the Mothers' Union"— was ideal camouflage for investigating the criminal underworld.

She met her future husband

She met her future husband Basil Saunders, a PR consultant, in 1956. They eventually sentled in Dartmouth Park, north London, and became a mainstay of what was then a declining congregation at St Mary, Brookfield, In due



Puerto Rican society

course she became a longserving churchwarden there and wrote from home as a freelance for numerous popular magazines.

lar magazines.

She was distressed by a number of the ecclesiastical upheavals that followed her appointment to the Church Times, and many who were disarmed by the gentleness of her interviewing style would have been surprised by her private vehemence in the face of what she saw as creeping doctrinal liberalism. In particular, she believed that the Church of England's Catholicity was compromised by the

ordination of women and was sure that her view was more widely shared at the parochial level than the authorities were ready to admit.

Some of her friends thought that the General Synod's 1992

Some of her friends thought that the General Synod's 1992 decision in favour of women priests might prompt her to become a Roman Catholic; but she remained steadfastly attached to the Anglican Church. As someone schooled in the old-fashioned journalistic tradition that it is never a reporter's business to express opinions, she also continued to be admirably even-handed in all she wrote.

all she wrote.

Despite enduring painful cancer treatment after her retirement in 1994. Betty Saunders continued to work with unflagging zeal. She wrote a book about the contemporary shape of the Church of England, O Blest Communion! [1996], and left a second work on spirituality unfinished at the time of her death. Her last article was a reminiscence for the 700th issue of the Church Times to be published later this week.

Betty Saunders is survived by her husband and six children, three of whom (including the novelist Kate Saunders) also work in journalism.

#### DRURY LANE. "THE DESERT SONG"

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# ON THIS DAY

April 8, 1927

This musical ran for well over a year and was revived during the war. The male chorus of Riffs and French soldiers was, for the reviewer, a welcome relief from one "strutting with spats and walking sticks."

guise. We know how and why he pretends in his father's house to be a nincompoop, and reserves his adventurous courage for the outlaw band. We know how deeply he loves Margot, to whom La Vergne is betrothed, and we have more than a thrilled suspicion that, before the evening is out, he will have carried her off, as the story-books say, "across his saddle". And so it happens. She is carried off. The Riffs, headed by Red Shadow himself, break into General Birabeau's headquarters while the

French Army is out for a walk and make Margot a prisoner while a gigantic chorus decoratively trembles. She has a pistoi; Red Shadow, not to be too brutal, exposes himself to her fire. But does she fire? Not at all. She is for the saddle, the desert, the moon, and the nearest thing to a sheik that the play provides. On the way she finds herself in the harem of Ali Ben Ali and is understood to be forcibly bathed in accordance with the polite local custom in receiving strangers. From so embarrassing a residence she is boldly rescued by her father, but not before she has had time to discover that it is Red Shadow and none other that she truly loves. It is, for a musical play, a lively story, and it is not poor in opportunities for romantic colour. Mr. Welchman conducts himself most gallantly with the right seriousness and swagger, Miss Edith Day makes it pleasantly clear that Margot is enjoying herself, even in the midst of peril. But, when all is said and done, it is the massed dancing that remains the chief pleasure of this cheerful evening ...

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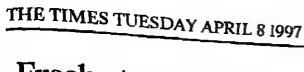
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BY BRIAN COLLETT

SHOPS, small textile producers and a restaurant are now trading from a huge cotton mill in Preston. Lancashire. The local museum and part of the town college have moved in, too, and a marketing suite is soon to be added.

The project, at the 106-year-old Centenary Mill, is the first in a Business in the Community campaign inspired by the Prince of Wales. The campaign aims to preserve dilapidated mills and factories of architectural merit, many of Industrial Revolution vintage, and put them to business and social use, revitalising economically deprived areas in the process.

The Prince had found buildings threatened with dereliction and demolition throughout Britain and asked Business in the Community to consider ways of restoring them and getting them back to work. The group has responded with the Regeneration through Heritage campaign and will use six buildings, including the Centenary Mill, in a pilot scheme. It will help community bodies to find guidance on restoration and work with them on business plans for the enterprises that will use the space.

Fred Taggart, the campaign's director, is trying to recruit large manufacturers to play a part. "We would like the big boys to help the small producers," he said.

Single regeneration budget funds have been injected and National Lottery money will be allocated. provided the revival plans are approved by its heritage fund. The campaign is being overseen by conservation and regeneration specialists, including representatives of English Heritage.

# Fresh start for vintage factories and mills Restoration of craft puts talks to clip the wings of the phoenix Business group in talks to clip the wings of the phoenix

BY DAVID ASKHAM

CLAIRE TIMINGS practises the ancient craft of gilding, that is, meeting the demands of the art world for restoration and for beautifying new items of craftwork. She is one of a new generation of gilders who trained at the City and Guilds of London Art School, in woodcarving and gilding. She works in a Dorset village in an 18th-century former thatched village butcher's shop, which had lain empty for some time, awaiting the arrival of an enterprising new

Embellishing shaped wooden objects with gold can be traced back to 1500 BC and the embalming of Egyptian pharaohs. In the Middle Ages and later, gilding flourished in manuscript illumination, panel painting and the decora-tion of furniture and picture frames. Wars probably accounted for its decline as an art form. However, the craft is now very much alive.

business.

Picture frames are generally made of stable pine, which is shaped and given a smooth finish before gilding commences. Claire's tools include a gilding knife, various brushes for settling the gold leaf, a werning brush and a special brush called a tip which is used to lay the gold leaf on to the work. A gate-tipped tool, often in the shape of a dog's tooth, is used for burnishing the gold, which is done selectively to contrast with the matt finish and to enhance the shape of the piece.

Most of Mrs Timings's work is the conservation of old picture frames or period furniture from museums and art galleries. The rest is for private individuals and



Claire Timings, one of a new generation, works on a picture frame

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includes commissions for new work. Occasionally, she uses a high-power stereoscopic microscope to examine layers of old gilding or alternative finishes, the finely locused fibre-optic illumination helping her to unravel tell-tale signs of earlier restoration.

This skilled detective work is written up as a report for her client. The extent of restoration is decided, and thereby the cost, which can vary widely depending on the amount of evident damage and previous unsatisfactory restoration attempts that require remedial meanment

Mrs Timings's skills become known to conservators because her workshop is listed in the database

maintained by the Conservation Unit, part of the Museums and Galleries Commission. This list of specialist conservators and restorers is accessible to the public and institutions. Typically she works for private customers, architects, the Area Museum Council for the South West and the Diocesan Church Council.

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Last year she helped with the restoration of Uppark House, the hadly fire-damaged National Trust property. Her contribution was the conservation and restoration of the gilding on six candle sconces. That assignment was sub-contracted to her by St Blaise, a local company that specialises in the conservation of fine buildings and their interiors. She has recently been conserving a large frame for an exhibition of pictures by Evelyn de Morgan.

At the other end of the gilding and vanes have been referred to her. She said: "They look wonderful when returned to their intended

Another interesting project this year has been the gilding of elements of an ironwork decorative arch for the Goldsmiths' Hall in London. The arch was made by metalwork apprentices working under the supervision of Paul Allan, tutor at the Rural Development Commission's training workshops in Salisbury.

Mrs Timings works as a part-

time consultant to the Rural Development Commission in Salisbury and tutors advanced courses in gilding. She feels greater use should be made of this valuable training facility, which is repeatedly threatened with closure. Mrs Timings can be contacted on

By BRIAN COLLETT

TIGHTER controls on directors disqualifications in 1996, but this is who milk their creditors, shut down their company and move on to repeat the process elsewhere are being sought by CCN, the business services group.

CCN was alarmed that, of the 26 million people on its directors' database, 3,229 men and 455 women had had more than ten failures each. Altogether more than 300,000 serial failure directors

appear on the database.

David Coates, the managing director, said: "Many company failures are the result of unfortunate economic and trading conditions, and few lenders would regard association with just one failed company as a sign of dishonesty or incompetence.

"The real problem is the serial failure who goes from one failed company to another, often deliberately closing down to avoid debts."

The group quotes the example of a man posing as a farmer, who wanted a loan to finance agricultural buildings. Inquiries revealed he had a dozen failed companies behind him. He had borrowed to build houses, allowed the company to crash, then walked away with the director's salary he had paid himself. He did this many times, following a practice known as "phoenixing".

CCN wants measures to eliminate rogue companies and protect small businesses from employing directors who could ruin them. It is in discussions with the Department of Trade and Industry to provide more resources to nail crooked directors.

Peter Brooker, of CCN, said: The investigators are doing a sterling job with their present resources, doubling the number of

still a small proportion of the directors doing naughty things, fewer than 1,000 a year.

The group is also challenging ministerial proposals to remove directors' addresses from publicly available documents at Companies House, thus barring business information organisations from stor-ing them on their databases for use in finding dishonest operators. CCN wants the addresses to be available in confidence to responsi-

ble business organisations. There is a warning, too, for individuals with cash to invest and businesses lending or trading on credit. They are advised to check the backgrounds of the people running the companies with which they deal, especially businesses without a track record.

☐ Bad debts and business failures rose 10 per cent last year, figures produced by Trade Indemnity, the credit insurer, indicate (Rodney Hobson writes). Ti's policyholders reported 3,229 failures compared with 2.937 in 1995.

The main consolation is that the figures are still only half the levels recorded in the peak years of the recession in 1991 and 1992.

Scotland was worst hit with business failures up 28 per cent over 1995, closely followed by the North with a 27 per cent increase. The North West and Yorkshire and Humberside saw failures rise 20 per cent and 18 per cent respectively. Wales, however, saw bad debts tumble 26 per cent.

The sector giving most cause for concern was building and construction, which has left the worst and longest effects of the recession. Reported failures rose from 704 to 762.



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☐ The benefits for small businesses in joining forces with local university research departments will be explained at a seminar at Southampton University on April 17. Details from Business Link Hampshire on 0345 354555.

[] Abbey Protection has introduced an insurance scheme to cover up to £50,000 in professional fees incurred as the result of an Inland Revenue investigation following the introduction of self-

[] About a third of owner managers of small businesses work more than 60 hours a week and more than half put in 50 hours, says the NatWest Small Business Research Trust quarterly survey.

A four-year campaign to pro-

mote European exports to Japan has been announced by the European Commission. The "Gateway to Japan" programme will be aimed at helping 1,000 European companies, especially small busi-nesses, to sell products and services through trade missions, fairs and other events. The Commission can be contacted on 0171-973 1992.

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#### Duty of care to third party Had she been appraised of those

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Uudgment March 20 Where a solicitor was retained to acr in the purchase of a property and execution of a mortgage by the guarantor of that mortgage, he owed a duty of care to a third party who was the ourchaser and principal mortgagor, but the extent of the duty was limited to exercising reasonable care and skill in carry ng out the terms of the retainer.

Mr Michael Mann OC. sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancer, Division, so held in a reserved judgment on March 20, 1997. dismissing the plaintiff's claim for damages against the elendant firm of solicitors for, inter alia, nea-ligently allowing her to execute a mortgage without first advising her of its legal effect.

Mr James Ramsden for the plaintiff: Miss Jane Mishcon for the defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in 1989 the plaintiff, then aged 22, had purchased a property in London, raising 95 per cent of the purchase rice by way of mortgage. Her

Ross v Owners of the

Where a party to an action had

obtained judgment with costs, and

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Clarke on February 14, 1996, in the

Bowbelle and Another

guarantee of the morigage.

The defendant firm was instructed by Mr Smith to handle the conveyancing. Although Mr Knox. the plaintiff was the purchaser and principal mortgagor, there was no material contact between the plaintiff and the defendant firm, which dealt exclusively with Mr Smith. In particular, no advice was given to the plaintiff before she executed the mortgage as to its legal effect.

The plaintiff was unaware of her obligations under the mortgage, and believed that Mr Smith's guarantee meant that he was responsible for the morigage repayments. When she sturied receiving letters telling her that her mortgage account was in arrears passed them on to her father. In 1991 the lender commenced

possession proceedings. The plaintiff claimed, inter alia. the defendant owed a duty of care under the mortgage and to fore-warn her of the possible consequences of the lender having to resort to its security and of that security being inadequate.

Admiralty Court when he found in

favour of the defendants, the

owners of the Bowbelle and the

owners of the Marchioness, on the

plaintiff's appeal from the order of

Master Topley of November 10.

1995, and held that interest did not

run from the date on which the

plaintiff had obtained judgment

subsequently on which the chief taxing master had made orders for

the costs of taxation in the plain-

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plaintiff's favour entitled her to

matters, she would have had the opportunity either to decline to proceed or in proceed on a basis which would not have exposed her

His Lordship said that although it was clear that the defendant's contract of retainer was with Mr Smith that did not mean that the defendant owed no duty of care to the plaintiff in tort.

Following White v Jones (1995) 2 AC 207), it was settled law that a solicitor could owe a duty of care to an individual who was not his client if a special relationship existed between them.

In his Lordship's opinion this was such a case: the defendant had assumed responsibility for carry-ing out tasks which it knew or affect the plaintiff's economic well being. The defendant therefore owed the plaintiff a duty of care. However, before she could establish liability the plaintiff had to show that the content of that

dury included explaining the transactional details and the implicanons of the mortgage.
In his Lordship's judgment, it

would not be fair, just and reasonof the duty owed. It was highly relevant that the

defendant was simply carrying out the terms of a retainer entered into with someone other than the plaintiff. That retainer required that the defendant exercise reasonable care and skill in securing a good and marketable title to the property and the plaintiff's registration as proprietor of it. It did not entail taking the

plaintiff on as a client for the purpose of giving her advice and the court could not rewrite the contract to bring advising the plaintiff within its ambit. It was a fortion that it could not do so by the back door. Moreover, imposing such a duty could have put the plaintiff's interests and those of Mr Smith in conflict which would be particularly unfair, unjust and unreasonable

Accordingly, the duty owed was restricted to the exercise of reason-able care and skill in carrying the transaction into effect accordi Mr Smith's instructions. Solicitors: Clifford Chance: Bond Pearce. Plymouth.

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whose costs he was taxing.

#### Tunbridge v Buss Murton & Co (a Firm) and Another Before Mr Justice Laddie

**Uudgment March 24**]

When a plaintiff seeking damages negligence or breach of contract occurring outside the normal period of limitation alleged that a fact relevant to his right of action had deliberately been concealed from him, it sufficed for him to allege in his statement of claim the existence of facts which showed there was some chance of the trial court inferring from them deliberate

Mr Justice Laddie so held in the Chancery Division, in allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Alan Howrd Tunbridge, from a order of Master Barratt, striking out, under Order 18, rule 19 of the Rules claim against the defendants. Buss Murton & Co and Buss Murton. Mrs Reziva Harrison for the plaintiff; Mr Alastair Norris for

of the Supreme Court, paragraph

MR JUSTICE LADDIE said that the defendants had been solicitors both to the plaintiff and to a company of which he was a director and shareholder, and were in the 1980s instructed by him to draft a suitable debenture, properly secured against the company's assets, to cover a loan by him to it.

In August 1991 it went into administration. He suffered loss, and, the primary limitation periods having expired, began 14A of the Limitation Act 1980, as inserted by the Latent Damage Act The defendants contended that

, to have an arraphile case under

section 32(1)(b) of the 1980 Act. the plaintiff must (a) identify a fact relevant to his cause of action and a course of conduct of concealment, and (b) plead that the concealment was deliberate, which involved both identifying the actor and providing proper particulars of his state of mind and knowledge, under Order 19, rule 12(1)(b) or 12(4).

His Lordship could not accept that argument. In view of the provisions of Order 18, rule 12 the pleader had to go further than merely assert knowledge, since particulars of the facts on which he drafted and that competent solicltors would then have realised the error they had made. So if at the trial the court by such oral evidence as might be given, drew the inference of such

particulars. Here, the plaintiff alleged that there were occasions

consider the debenture they had

realisation, it was likely also to draw the inference that the defenerror to the plaintiff had been

Accordingly, his plen under section 32(1)(b) was not so clearly bad that it should be struck out at

Solicitors: Keene Marsland;

# English interpretation of 'sex' doubted

Before Mr Justice Lightman Judgment March 13

A European Court decision that the equal treatment directive pro-tected transsexuals on the basis of their sexual orientation threw doubt on the Court of Appeal's interpretation of the directive that 'sex" there referred to gender and not sexual orientation.

It was therefore necessary to refer to the European Court of Justice under stricle 177 of the EC nation based on homo sexual orientation was contrary to article 20 of Council Directive whether the policy of discharging from the armed forces any person of homosexual orientation was capable of heing justified under article 2.2 of the directive as occupational activities for which the sex of the worker constituted

Mr Justice Lightman, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division, so held, making a reference to the European Court of Justice on the application of Terence Perkins who was discharged from the Royal Navy with effect from October 24, 1995 in pursuance of the any exception or qualification and irrespective of his duties, whether at sea or on shore, to discharge any person of homesexual orientation.

Mr Peter Duffy for the ap-plicant; Mr Stephen Richards and Mr Richard McManus for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the primary issue was whether in the light of the Euro-pean Court's decision in Case C-13/4 P v S (The Times May 7, 199b) the Cornwall case, it was clear that the directive was as limited in its application as it had been held to be in R v Secretary of State for Defence. Ex parte Smith (The Times November 6, 1995; [1996] QB

it was necessary to have regard to the directive and the reasoning and approach to its construction in rnwall case. The issue was one of immense importance and wide application.
There were already thirty cases

by discharged servicemen stayed pending the outcome of this case. The issue was also urgent because of the short life expectancy of a few of those discharged servicemen. question ought properly to be referred. The only question was whether the reference should be postponed to allow the question to be resolved in Grant v South West Trains Ltd. referred to the Euro-

gender discrimination. the European Court would extend protection to those of homosexual

pean Court by an industrial tribunal. After the decision in the Cornwall case it was impossible to limit the application of the directive to There was a real prospect that

The Grant case, which con-

employees' unmarried partners refused to the applicant's same sex partner, might go off on grounds not calling for guidance on the application of article 2.1 to cases of homosexual orientation and did not involve the other questions

raised in this case. The importance of an early and authoritative decision of the Euro-pean Court could not be

Accordingly a reference was made to the European Court. Solicitors: Bindman & Partners:

Luxembourg

#### **European Law Report**

#### Enforcing court order for maintenance abroad

In proceedings for a mainte-

nance order in favour of a child

Farrell v Long (Case C-295/95)

The provision of the Brussels Convention conferring jurisdiction on the courts for the place where a maintenance creditor" was domi ciled or habitually resident applied in the case of any person applying for maintenance, including a person bringing a maintenance action for the first time and was not confined to a person whose entitlement to maintenance had already

The Sixth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Communities so held on March 30 on a reference by the Dublin County Circuit Court on the interpretation of article 5(2) of the Brussels Convention of September 27, 1968 on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and

been granted in court.

brought by the mother, resident in Ireland, against the alleged father, resident in Belgium, the mother maintained that the Irish courts had jurisdiction under article 5(2). which conferred jurisdiction in matters relating to maintenance, on the courts for the place where the maintenance creditor was domiciled or habitually resident but the respondent argued that that provision could not apply as the mother was not a maintenance creditor since she had not already

In its judgment the Court of Justice said, inter alia, that article 5(2), which was in derogation from the general rule in article 2 conferring jurisdiction on the courts of the contracting state where the defendant was domi-

obtained a maintenance urder.

applicant in maintenance proceedings, who was regarded as the weaker party in such proceedings, an alternative basis of jurisdiction. the drafters of the Convention having considered that that specific objective had to prevail over the objective of the rule in article 2. namely, to protect the defendant as the party who, being the person sued, was generally in a weaker Article 5(2) was framed in such a

ciled, was intended to offer the

way as to apply to all actions brought in maintenance matters, including the initial action brought by a person applying for mainte-nance, and consideration of the question of paternity as a preliminary issue in such proceedings had not prompted the authors of the Convention to adopt any different

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taxation of costs ran from the date on which that judgment was The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Pill) so held in a reserved judgment on March 20 allowing the appeal of the plaintiff. Deborah Jane Ross.

> No limit to TV evidence Regina v Forsyth

had no jurisdiction to permit evidence to be given from abroad through a relevision link when no extradition treaty was in force with that foreign place. The Court of Appeal. Criminal Division (Lord Justice Beldam. Mrs Justice Bracewell and Mr Justice Mance) so held on March 17 when allowing, for other rea-sons, the appeal of Elizabeth Forsyth against her conviction at the Central Criminal Court (Mr

Justice Tucker and a jury) of two

offences of handling stolen goods

for which she had been sentenced

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said A trial judge erred in ruling that he section 32(3) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 provided that if a witness gave evidence on oath the Perjury Act 1911 would apply and that if the witness could not be extradited to stand trial for perjury than that sanction would never be available. His Lordship said that in giving that reason the judge plainly fell

That sanction would not be available in many foreign coun-tries, yet Parliament had not limited the phases cuiside the United Kingdon where the procedure was to be available.

Notice cannot be revived

Where an enforcement notice

ceased to have effect because of the

Cresswell v Pearson

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No subsequent orders in her

favour affected that original order.

That accorded with the result laid down in Hunt v R. Mt. Douglas

Nothing in Order 62, rule 27(1) of

including the costs of taxation.

graming of planning permission that notice would not recommence upon the lapse of that permission. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Brooke and Mr ustice Blofeld) so held on March 30, when allowing appeals by Alan Cresswell and Patricia Cresswell by case stated against their convictions by Horsham Justices on October 23, 199h, for non-compliance with planning enforcement notices, contrary to section 179 of

LORD JUSTICE BROOKE said

that in 1986 two enforcement

notices had been issued by the

local district council requiring the

defendants to cease certain

unauthorised uses of their land. In

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hasis that when the planning permission lapsed in 1991 the the Town and Country Planning

respect of those uses of the land, so that the enforcement notices reaged to have effect nursuant to section 92(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1972, now section 180(1) of the 1990 Act. The justices had acted on the

notices came into force again, and so were effective in 1995 when the prosecution alleged non-His Lordship said that that approach was wrong. The words of section [80(1), that an enforcement notice "shall cease to have

effect", were clear and means

exactly what they said. They did not mean that a notice went into suspended animation for the duration of the planning permission, but that it ceased to have effect. In such situations a council would have to issue a new enforcement notice.

# Nuthall Pigeons flying high with Wright kind of players



IAN WRIGHT'S goal for Arsenal, against Chelsea, may have pleased his manager, Arsène Wenger, but it was also good news for another of his managers Mr S. Gordon, of Enfield, Middlesex, whose team in the Interactive Team Football (ITF) game, Nuthall Pigeons, has won the the £250 weekly prize.

Mr Gordon's mix of north and south, pairing Wright with Jorge Cadete, of Celtic, as his two strikers has worked well although it was another Arsenal player, David Seaman, who was the highest points scorer for the team. Mr Gordon's team is:

Goalkeeper D Seaman (Arsenal)

S I Bjornebye (Liverpool) D Robertson (Rangers)

Central defenders S Campbell (Tottenham) U Ehrogu (Aston Villa)

Midfield players N Ardley (Wimbledon) J Albertz (Rangers) R Winters (Dundee United) M Gayle (Wimbledon)

J Cadete (Celtic) I Wright (Arsenal)

Manager P Reid (Sunderland)

The passing of the transfer deadline means the managers in the Premiership have to make do with what they have available. However, if your team could be doing better, with your players lacking form and fitness, you can still to improve your fortunes. ITF only by telephone. Using a

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# PLAYERS ON LOAN

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Wright, left, of Arsenal and Nuthall Pigeons, battles for the ball with Steve Clarke, of Chelsea, at Stamford Bridge

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you must ensure that the team

does not contain more than

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transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the

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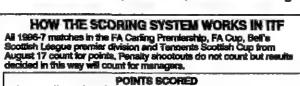
All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be

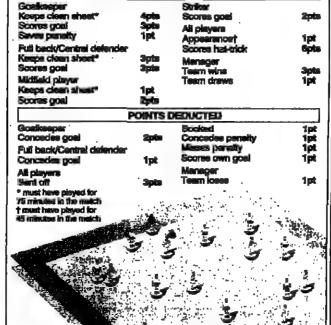
£1,000 or weekly £250.

If you are lagging behind

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When making a transfer,





# ENTER A NEW **TEAM TODAY**

#### THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

The ITF Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. Enter a team today for your chance to be a winner in 1997. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community - as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

Enter today by following the instructions below.

Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011 If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

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2. Choose I goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.

3. Do not spend more than £35 million.

4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.

5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.

a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.

b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than

16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number. c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal

identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.

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NB. Any new team will only score points on future games. 089] calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.

#### HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 866 968

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom call 44 990 200 868.

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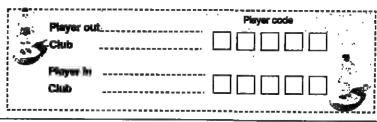
You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club, incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made with noon will become effective for metches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must

adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on po



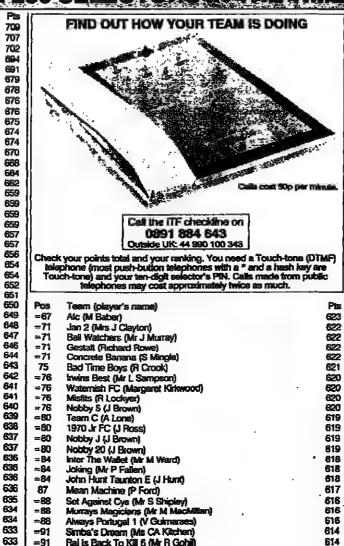
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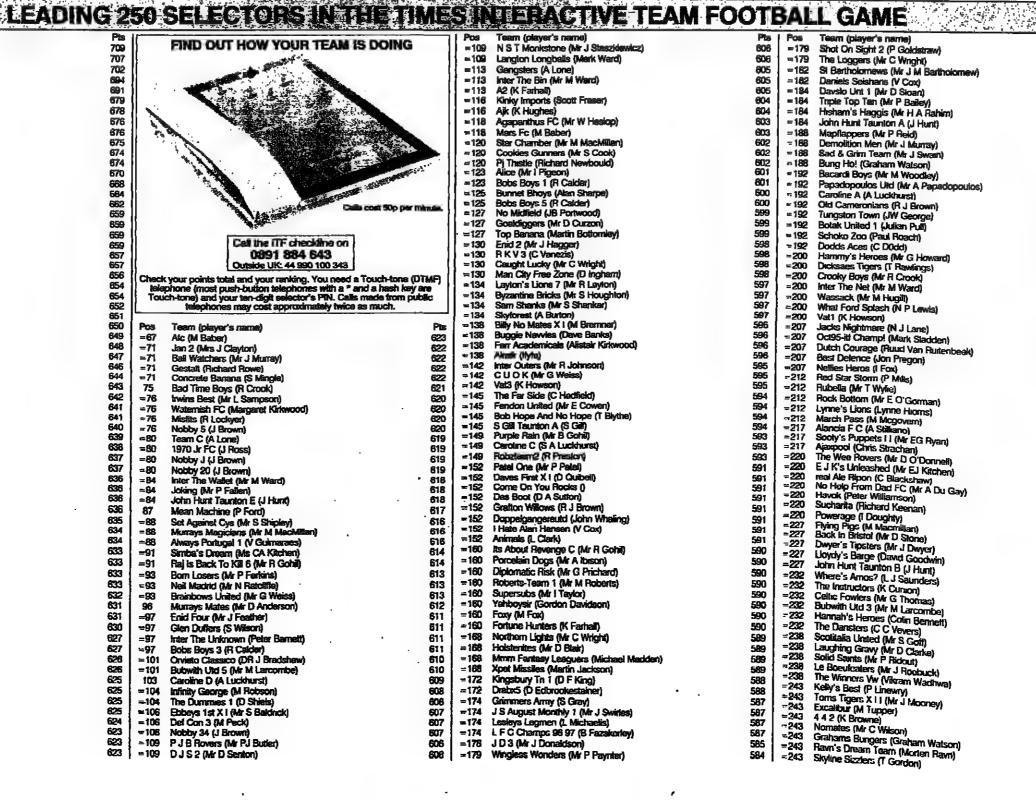
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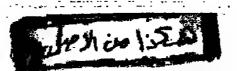
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# The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option



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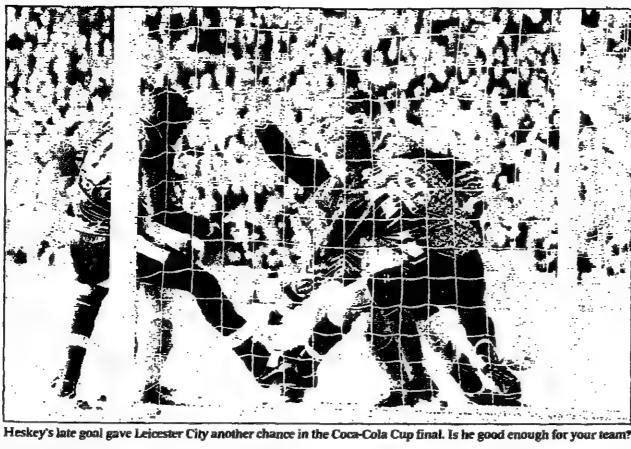
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42705	M Smith	Sunderland	1.00 0 +9
42706	C Waddle	Sunderland	1.50 +1 +1
42901	D Anderton	Tottenham Hotspur	5.50 0 +17
42802	R Fax	Tottenham Hotspur	4,00 +2 +25
42803	D Howells	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 0 +35
42804	J Dazzeli	Tottenham Hotspur	2.00 +4 +12
42805	A Sinton	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50 +2 +39
42806	R Resentinal	Tottenham Hotspur	1.50 +2 +8
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Preview: A dream of an Islamic government in Britain. Witness: Tottenham Ayatollah (Channel 4

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Chancellor Kohl has decided that it

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Loyalty may in the past have been

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# THE TIMES TODAY

#### NEWS Blair drops privatisation veto

■ Tony Blair formally tore up his party's longstanding opposition to the sale of public assets, provoking misgivings within old Labour and derision from the Tories.

The Labour leader said: "It is the public interest that is important. What counts is what works." The presumption should be that economic activity was best left to the private sector. Kenneth Clarke said he and his colleagues were a bunch of "unprincipled scoundrels" ........Pages 1, 7-11, 16, 17

#### Grand National is a grand success

■ The I50th Grand National went ahead without a hitch two days late and in a carnival atmosphere. Twenty thousand punters were allowed in without paying and Aintree veterans said that when Lord Gyllene, ridden by Tony Dobbin, passed the post, they had never heard a louder roar \_\_Pages 1, 44, 48

#### 'Goldfinger' arrested

Detectives were questioning John "Goldfinger" Palmer, who built up a fortune after being acquitted of melting down gold bars from Britain's biggest bullion robbery, about an alleged fraud ..... Page 1

#### **Butchers face chop** Many of Britain's 12,000 small

butcher's shops may close because of new regulations expected in today's report on the E. coli epidemic, their trade org-

#### Liam and Patsy wed

Liam Gallagher and Patsy Kensit, Britpop's most turbulent couple, went through a simple marriage ceremony at Westminster Register Office in Maryle-

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#### A minicab driver was jailed for 14 years for a series of sex attacks made over four years on single

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#### ROSS MCKUBBEN

If Labour wins it will be for two reasons: because it is not the Conservative Party, and because it is not very different from the Conservative Party. Yet, while that might be a good way of winning this election, it is a terrible way of win-

#### ANTHONY HOWARD

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Bizarre as it may at first appear, the decision by the Labour and Liberal Democrat parties to wheel forward Martin Bell as their anti-sleaze candidate in Tatton is not without precedent. Nearly 60 years ago much the same thing happened in Oxford City .... Page 16

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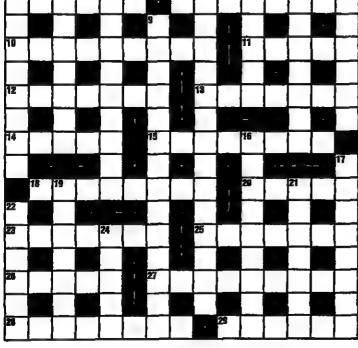
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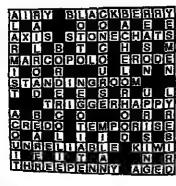
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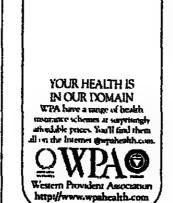
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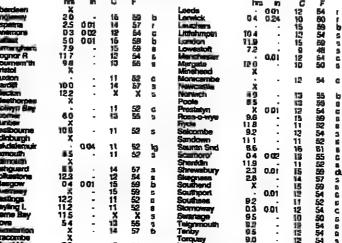
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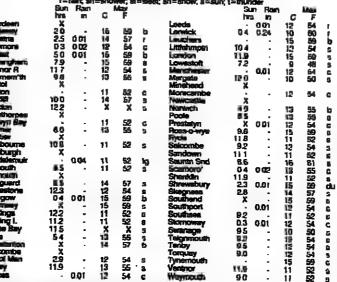
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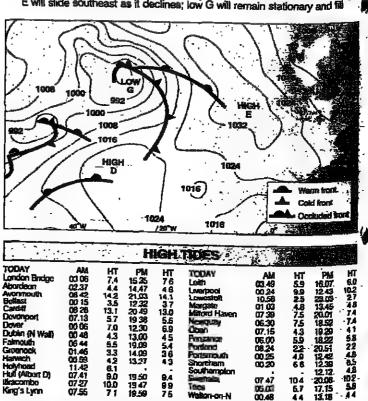
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**Pearson's** £130,000 'hello' to Scardino

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MARJORIE SCARDINO was paid a £130,000 "golden hello" when she became chief executive of Pearson, the media and entertainment group that owns the Financial Times, in January.

The Pearson annual report, published yesterday, revealed that the payment came on top of her annual base salary of £396,500, which Pearson said "is deemed" to be £425,000 when a portion of her £60,500 housing allowance is included. Ms Scardino, the former chief executive of The Economist, which is 50 per cent owned by Pearson, is also to be conditionally awarded Pearson shares valued at E300,000 this year, £200,000 next year and another £200,000 in 1999 as part of the share incentive plan. It comes into effect when the total return to Pearson shareholders over a three-year period

exceeds the return of the FT-SE 100 index by 25 per cent. The total pay of Pearson's executive directors in 1996 fell by about half because no payments under the share incentive plan were made in 1996. The next payments are to come in 1998. Lord Blakenham, the chairman who is to be replaced by Dennis Stevenson at the annual meeting in May, saw his total remunerafall from £750,000 to £353,000.

Ms Scardino hopes to reveal more information next month on the unauthorised discounts offered to retailers by a Penguin books employee in New Jersey. Pennington, page 27 | costing Pearson £100 million.

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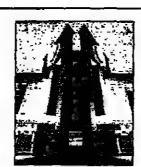
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**TUESDAY APRIL 8 1997** 

# Pound at highest since leaving the ERM



THE POUND surged past its old European exchange-rate mechanism floor yesterday, reaching its highest level since it left the ERM in September 1992. Sterling closed more than 4 plennigs higher at DM2.7879, compared with an ERM floor of 2.7780. The pound has now risen by more than 22 per cent against the mark since last August.

Sterling's trade weighted index also climbed sharply, from 98.8 to 99.4. But the pound fell back just over a cent to \$1.6297 against a resurgent dollar. Sterling remains some way short of its former ERM central rate of DM2.95, although traders expect it to push on towards

the hardening market consensus that rates will need to rise steeply after the election. Rates are not expected to change after Thursday's monthly monetary meeting between the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England but the City is predicting that an incoming Chancellor will raise base rates by as much as

half a point next month.

New data published by the Confederation of British Industry yesterday showed that confidence in the financial services sector rose for the fifth consecutive quarter, although at the slowest rate for over a year.

The pound is also benefiting from the rise in the dollar, which has climbed on expectations that the Fedeal Reserve will make further interest rate rises. The mark was weakened by

Monetary Union will proceed on time.

Shares climbed in London, helped by a recovery on Wall Street, with the FT-SE 100 closing up 35.1 points at 4.271.7. Dealers said worries about rate rises in the UK and the US are likely to cap any further rises.

The CBI described the findings of its latest survey of the financial services sector as encouraging," A net balance of 26 per cent of firms reported an increase in optimism - the smallest increase since December 1995. General insurers reported a fall in optimism, with securities traders and life insurers recording the biggest increases in confidence.

Business volumes rose "moderately", with a net rise of 17 per cent - down on the previous

survey of more than 300 firms, carried out with consultants Coopers & Lybrand, showed volumes rising most strongly among private individuals and financial institutions.

Profitability among financial service com-panies also rose moderately, with a net 23 per cent of firms reporting an increase, compared with 48 per cent in the previous survey, which was the sharpest increase since September 1994. Companies expect profitability to rise more quickly over the coming three months.

The overall pick-up in employment was quicker than had been forecast, with the number of people employed in financial services rising for the first time since September 1995, although companies expect it to level off over the next three months.

# Equitas doubtful about its survival

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE precarious state of has qualified the Equitas ac-Lloyd's of Landon's recovery underlined yesterday, when Equitas, the reinsurance company formed to take on billions of pounds in long-term Lloyd's risks, conceded that it could be forced into receivership.

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Coopers & Lybrand, auditor to Equitas, says "significant uncertainties" surrounding the extent of outstanding claims, means Equitas may not be able to meet its insurance liabilities in full. This would effectively push it into receivership, with disastrous consequences for London's

standing in world insurance. The warning is contained in Equitas's maiden set of report and accounts, which catalogues generous levels of pay in the Equitas boardroom. Michael Crall, chief executive, received rensuneration of nearly £430,000 in the eight months to September 4, when Equitas became operational. Mr Crall, an American, was guaranteed a minimum bonus of £100,000 during his first year, and received £75,000 towards his

relocation to the UK. Total fees to auditors reached £9.4 million. Coopers & Lybrand was paid nearly £5 million, with the balance due to auditors across a range of Lloyd's syndicates. Costs associated with the formation of Equitas totalled £130 million. More disturbing is the extent to which Coopers & Lybrand



Crall: £430,000 package

counts. The firm gives warning that future claims experience is likely to differ from estimated liabilities, "potentially to a material degree". Significant uncertainties surround three key provisions — £14.8 billion in outstanding claims: £4.3 billion in reinsurers' share of these claims; and £1.5 billion in reinsurance

recoveries. could be sufficient to wipe out Equitas's surplus of £588 million, as at September 4. This would trigger a "proportionate cover" clause, under which Equitas would be entitled to pay claims at a reduced rate. Failing this, Equitas could be

ripped into receivership. Equitas was a key plank in the Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal (R&R) plan. It took on 1992 and prior-year liabilities for Lloyd's syndicates, ringfencing 34,000 names from past losses.

The Equitas premium for reinsuring prior-year losses, pegged at £14.7 billion, had fallen to £11.2 billion by Sir David Berriman, chair-

man of the Association of Lloyd's Names, said he was "troubled" by the inevitable qualification, while recognising that Equitas was doing all it could to reduce uncertainty. He said: "Reinsured names need as much reassurance as they can get." Equitas hopes to provide a clearer picture of liabilities by March 1998. David Newbigging, chairman of Equitas and former head of Jardine Matheson, said the company had inherited a mass of untested data. He said: "It does not necessarily mean there is a huge potential

black hole on the downside." Mr Newbigging received nearly £206,000 in remuneration last year. Jane Barker, the former Stock Exchange chief who signed up as finance director in December 1995, received nearly £230,000, including a guaranteed minimum bonus of £40,000.



On the ball: Martin Edwards, Manchester United's chief executive, reported a 42 per cent rise in half-year profits before tax and transfers

# Glory at a price for Manchester

By Jason Niesė

MANCHESTER UNITED will pay so much in bonuses to players if it wins the European Cup that it would incur a loss out of appearing in the final, the Premiership football club said vesterday.

United plays Borussia Dortmund tomorrow in the first leg of the semi-final, vying for a

However, David Gill, United's finance director, said: "Financially, it is better to lose the final than win it."

United would not detail the bonus structure, but said that the revenue for the final would be slightly less than that from appearing in the semi-final, which it revealed to be £1.75 million. Martin Edwards,

chief executive, said the bonus tracts for no fee. This has led to payments for winning the cup were "very high".

The club has been renegotiating its contracts with its senior professionals to put them on deals that last up to five years in order to overcome the effects of the Bosman ruling in the European Court, which allows footballers to leave clubs at the end of conan increase in United's annual wage bill of nearly £6 million. Mr Edwards said three leading players had yet to sign new deals and one has a contract that ends this summer.

January 31. Earnings per

Despite the wage rise, profits before tax and transfer fees rose 42.5 per cent to £15.7 million in the six months to provement was partially because of the increased capacity at the club's Old Trafford stadium, which now holds 55,000, and the club's success in Europe. The club is now looking at

and the interim dividend is

raised to 1.9p (1.6p), payable

on May 14. Mr Edwards said the im-

plans to further increase revenues, including United shops in the Far East, possibly in partnership with a local company. United translates its rlub magazine into Thai, selling 20,000 per issue.

On the most exciting potential future revenue stream, Mr Edwards said that talks about a deal to bring in pay-per-view televising of matches had yet to begin. There is an agreement with BSKyB, which is 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, that the FA Premiership can bring in pay-per-view on a 50-50 joint venture basis with BSkyB at the beginning of the 1999-2000 season.

However, the clubs have yet to agree among themselves how to deal with pay-per-view, never mind how to negotiate with a third party.

## London Clubs drops £200m bid BY ALASDAIR MURRAY AND KETTH RODGERS

fund withheld contributions

LONDON Clubs International, the casino company, yesterday dropped its £200 million bid for rival Capital Corporation after the Government said it was referring the bid to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. It also emerged that Capital

has offered to make up any losses suffered by its employee pension fund after contributions were diverted to a bank account for two years.

The decision to refer the bid took the City - and both companies --- by surprise, with shares in Capital falling 14p to 186p, while London Club

shares dropped 7p to 40112p. A successful London Clubs bid would have resulted in the company controlling about casino market. But analysts pointed to the fact that casinos are already tightly regulated and that most of the members, of what are effectively private clubs, come from overseas.

London Clubs appeared uncertain last night about its future intentions. The MMC report is due to be completed by July 7, and if favourable. London Clubs would be able to start the bid process again. The trustees of the pension

from a Norwich Union pension scheme from the beginning of 1995. Instead, company and employee contributions for the 100 scheme members were paid into a TSB denosit account, held by Sedgwick Noble Lowndes, until a new pension scheme was launched this January. Garry Nesbitt, chairman of Capital, and David Gray, a fellow director, are directors of Crockford Holdings, the

corporate pension trustee. The situation was highlighted in a report commis-sioned by Deloitte & Touche,

the company's auditor, in the autumn of 1995. It is understood that Deloitte discovered the trustees had failed to prepare accounts for the scheme since it was launched in 1990, and no trustee meet ings had been held.

In a letter to employees last December the company claimed it had diverted the funds while reviewing its pension arrangements. It added: "If the TSB account has not performed as well as the Norwich Union fund, the company will make up the shortfall."

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#### Cowie declares victory

Cowie, the transport group, has declared victory in its fight to oust as a director Neil Pykett, former head of its leasing division, by

Of the 41 per cent of votes cast by proxy, 97 per cent were for formally removing Mr Pykett. He formally resigned at the weekend, and intends to sue Cowie for unfair dismissal.

Cowie shares, which have fallen 10 per cent since the dispute became public, rose 212p to 1982p. Pennington, page 27

#### Jobless fall

Unemployment in the Irish Republic fell in March to its lowest for six years. The number claiming jobless benefit fell to 262,400 (11.9 per cent). The seasonally adjusted figure rose by 900.

#### **Utilities deal**

United Utilities is to sell its 50 per cent stakes in two US power producers, in Florida and Virginia, in a £25 million deal. They go to Indeck, a private fund operating power projects.

#### AIT contract

AIT, of Henley-on-Thames, has won a multimillionpound contract to deliver a composite banking desktop system for KeyCorp, the tenth-largest US bank.

#### TOURIST RATES

# Bankers Trust pays \$1.7bn for oldest US broking firm

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

BANKERS TRUST, the New York bank, is buying Alex Brown. America's oldest stockbroking firm, in a \$1.7 billion deal that challenges the law that has separated US banks from securities companies for more than 60 years.

The takeover is expected to be the first of many as banks take advantage of the recent re-laxation by US banking regu-lators of the 1933 Glass Steagal Act. Other leading Wall Street securities firms vulnerable to

EBRD acts

to stamp

out revolt

By Oliver August

THE European Bank for Re-

construction and Develop-

ment will today quash an internal revolt by Belgian employees to have one of their

own appointed vice-president

of the institute dedicated to

distributing government aid to Eastern Europe.

The vice-presidential pos-

ition, which is traditionally

reserved for an American, will

be vacated by Ron Freeman, a former Wall Street banker,

and a new US candidate is to

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But Belgium, one of the 57

member countries of the bank,

has waged a behind-the-

scenes campaign to ditch the unofficial dictum that hands

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While Belgium is emphasising that the American domi-

nance is hindering the

European nature of the bank's

task, it has also been suggested

that the Belgian initiative is the

to advance his own career.

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ry board today.

Brothers, Lehman Brothers and Donaldson Lufkin & Jenrette as commercial banks aim to cash in on the huge profits enjoyed by brokerage houses Frank Newman, chairman in the stock market boom-Some analysts believe that

gest US broking house, may be forced to link with a bank. In an all-paper deal Bankers Trust is paying \$68.26 for each Alex Brown share, a significant premium to the Baltimore broker's market price on Friday of \$41.30. A large premium was inevitable

even Merrill Lynch, the lar-

approached by several US and European banks in recent months as the consolidation mania on Wall Street heated

of Bankers, will be chairman of the merged company, while A. B. "Buzzy" Krongard, head of Alex Brown, will be deputy. The acquisition will push Bankers firmly into the institutional equity underwriting

of the bank's move into new

areas of investment banking

by buying existing firms such

because Alex Brown had been as Wolfensohn & Co, the corporate finance boutique that it acquired last year. Bankers has been rebuild-

ing its business and reputation in wholesale banking after a debacle in the derivatives markets in the early 1990s which led to court cases with Proctor & Gamble among others, and a fine from the Securities and Exchange Commission. Although it is a traditional deposit-taking institution, it has moved further than most commercial banks into investment banking areas. The current wave of bank-

aged by the Federal Reserve Board's decision last year to increase the proportion of securities business that commercial banks were allowed to undertake.

The restriction was imposed during the Depression because securities losses in the 1929 Crash were thought to have caused widespread bank collapses that deepened the economic turmoil at the time. But recent changes in banking markets have undermined the rule and led to calls for its

#### **Moss Bros** dressed for success

MOSS BROS aims to increase its share of the UK men's suit market to 15 per cent from 5 per cent over three years, with the return of the feel-good, look-good factor that has restored the popularity of the three-piece suit, the company said yesterday (Morag Preston writes).

In the year to January 31 the specialist menswear retailer pre-tax profits, to £15.9 million. Terence Donovan, finance director, said: "Coming out of the recession, men, or their wives, have decided that they don't want to look dowdy any more."

Turnover increased 39 per cent, to £121.9 million, compared with £87.5 million last time. A final dividend of 17.5p a share makes a total of 24p, an increase of 33 per cent on last year.

# Pension claims fund seeks £2m

work of one individual trying AN ESTIMATED 200,000 Candidates for vice-president are presented by the company pension schemes face levies totalling £2 million to set up the first industry EBRD management to the supervisory board. Informal discussions before today's compensation fund for scheme meeting are thought to have members. The fund will pay out to employees whose em-ployer fraudulently misapproeliminated the Belgian employee from the list of candipriates pension fund money dates. The new vice-president. and then collapses, leaving the expected to be another Wall Street banker, will be appointemployees facing losses. Julian Farrand, chairman

sation Board, said at the PCB's launch yesterday that the compensation scheme was a direct response to Robert Maxwell's theft in 1991 of an estimated £450 million from his employees' pension funds. He said: We are part of the Maxwell legacy."
The compensation scheme,

Rowland Gee, managing director, left, and Terence Donovan of Moss Bros

which the PCB will operate, is part of a tightening up of protection for occupational

Pensions Act 1995, which came into force last Sunday. Under the scheme, employees will be able to claim compensation for 90 per cent of their losses. But they will not be able to claim unless their employer is insolvent as well as dishonest. The compensation fund is intended to be a last resort for employees who have no other

avenue of redress. The Board has not yet servers fear there could be a flood of applicants who have been waiting for the start of the scheme. Dr Farrand expects the majority of claims to be made by independent trust-ees appointed by company liquidators.

individual members and administrators can also claim, although the compensation can only be paid to trustees under the rules of the scheme.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### BT to create 2,000 jobs in the North

BRITISH TELECOM yesterday announced plans to create 2,000 jobs at two telemarketing centres in Doncaster and North Tyneside. Almost all of the jobs will be part-time and will pay about £5 an hour. BT said the sites will cost £15 million each and will open in the autumn. The centres will use "cold calling" to sell BT products, such as the Friends & Family discount package. charge cards and Internet access, to existing customers.

Another office, in Bristol, specialises in convincing non-RT customers to switch to BT. BT has found that telemarketing can be more effective than direct-mail campaigns. In the UK, an estimated 250,000 people, or I per cent of the workforce, work in telemarketing, against about 3 per cent in America

#### Nintendo lifts forecast

NINTENDO, the Japanese video games company, has raised its profit forecast for this year on the back of booming sales of its new Nintendo 64 console. The company, fighting a fierce video games war with Sony and Sega, predicted profits of Y63 hillion (£300 million) this year, up from a previous estimate of Y48 billion, However, Nintendo said that a Y26 billion charge to cover rationalisation of European operations would cut 1996 profits to Y35 billion, down from a projected Y48 billion.

#### Theft of \$1m alleged

A BIRMINGHAM businessman stole more than \$1 million from the Salvation Army in 1992 to stave off creditors and save his home and business premises, Southwark Crown Court was told yesterday. The prosecution said Stuart Christopher Ford, 46, who denies 21 charges of theft, convinced the Salvation Army to invest more than \$7 million in a standby letter of credit to generate income. The Salvation Army received \$200,000, but this was its own money, it was alleged. The case continues.

#### MY poised to expand

MY HOLDINGS, the labels and packaging company, will this year launch an overseas expansion drive by joining forces with a range of European companies. A £15 million acquisition strategy will follow. MY is in talks with companies in France. Spain and Italy. The group's pre-tax profits were £6.5 million (£5.49 million) in the six months to March I. After an interim dividend of 0.8p (0.7p), due on June 11, earnings rose to 3.36p (2.76p). Shares rose 4½p to 121½p yesterday.

#### Intermediate higher

INTERMEDIATE CAPITAL, the provider of mezzanine financing typically used in management buyouts, increased pre-tax profits 6 per cent to £20.2 million last year. It made £109 million of new loans in the year ending January 31. Tom Bartlam, intermediate's managing director, said 53 per cent of business is from companies in continental Europe and this is likely to increase to 60 per cent. A final dividend of 10.6p is proposed for May 23, taking the total to 15.4p (13.4p).

#### **Trafficmaster loss grows**

TRAFFICMASTER, the traffic monitoring group, had a loss of £3.4 million in the year to December, a deterioration from the £2.5 million loss in the previous year. It is predicting a profit for the current year. Losses per share accelerated from 11.3p to 14.0p and the shares fell from 332p to 323p. The group, however, has £15.6 million of cash which it says is sufficient to complete its present plans, particularly its network expansion.

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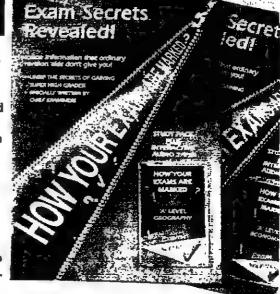
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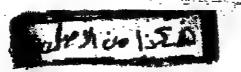




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☐ Winners and losers in railways lottery ☐ Cowie career crash prompts questions ☐ Football becoming a sector of two halves

Collision course

☐ SOME trains go faster than others — this is simply a matter of physics. Some trains do not run at all, and some have a regrettable tendency to come off the rails. Under the system used to sell off British Rail, the same must be true of the rails. must be true of the companies

selected to run those trains. This is to make no comment on the methodology behind yes-terday's doom and gloom report from Save Our Railways, an organisation that seems to want the return of British Rail in all its nationalised glory, written in an unholy alliance with an accountant who advised on the privatisation. The report accepts that a number of variables could influence any coming cull of franchise operators, and that it is not at present possible to say whether the cost to the tarnaver whether the cost to the taxpayer will go up or down as a result of awarding the job to these op-erators. By implication, it is not possible either to decide which will flourish and which will fail.

There are two predictable responses to the hit list of profitable, or otherwise, franchise operators drawn up. One is synthetic outrage at the profits being made by the lucky ones— even if the real outrage should be reserved for those that take the money and fail to provide the

The other is concern at what happens when those failures those initially granted. Either

higher revenues — more pas-sengers attracted by a better service — or lower costs, all well and good. If not, there are no assets to walk away from rolling stock, track, stations, all are leased, and the only properties are intellectual ones, the right to run trains on this route and that route on the attached terms. Should these properties cease to be valuable, well, thanks for all that cash in years one and two. We're off to the Baharnas now. The tough terms imposed on some of the most recently awarded franchises mean that some firms will be tempted.

What happens then? Larger operators, Stagecoach and National Express and their like, will take over routes run by smaller ones, because they are better placed to make a profit. Such consolidation is already seen as inevitable. But they will request subsidies rather higher than

arrive. There are no penalties on operators who walk off the job, and any profit will fall along with Government subsidies during the life of the franchise.

If this fall can be matched by can operate more efficiently than a private one. And we have just

spent 50 years disproving that. In the end there could be four or five big operators running most of the network. Just like before 1945, in fact - except with the Government, of whatever hue, commit-ted to operate the unprofitable bits they do not want. A triumph for the cherry-pickers — and not quite what was meant by privatisation of the railways.

#### Resign, and we sack you

☐ THESE little spats over corporate governance can be so revealing. Who would have thought in February, when Cowie Group first tried to sack the man in charge of its car leasing side, that it would have taken polong or done such have taken so long, or done such harm to the share price?

Neil Pykett has finally re-

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signed just three days before a special meeting of Cowie share-holders who would have been asked to sack him, and would certainly have done so. He was to be sacked because he had given notice of his resignation, which will certainly teach him not to do it again and is an interesting reflection of the way things are done at Cowie.

Mr Pykett leaves after 33 years at the company. Not a man too riven with self-doubt, he confidently expects to be back within another five, as chief executive. This was the job he wanted all along, and the realisation that it would never be his prompted that resignation.

His chances, at this stage, do not look good. Neither do the

employment practices of his former employer. He was on a three-year rolling contract, but the rest of the Cowie board decided to limit any sum paid on his departure. This is all well and good; careers are blocked all the good; careers are blocked at the time, and it is not a proper use of shareholders' funds to compensate for such disappointments providing the original salary is still being paid. Except for that three-year roller, unacceptable in today's climate of conversate covernance which corporate governance, which could have been used to reward a

less outspoken director. There is also a serious question mark over Gordon Hodgson, chief executive, now well into his sixty-sixth year and seemingly not inclined to budge. There have been other abrupt departures from the Cowie board in the past, not least the founder, Sir Tom Cowie, edged out by Mr Hodgson and now hectoring loudly from the sidelines.

Institutions have watched un-happily as the affair has sent the share price tumbling from almost 450p to below £4 at last night's close, and obscured a good set of results. Their attention having been attracted, they should be asking plenty of ques-tions about just what goes on in the Cowie boardroom.

#### To the winners go the spoils

MANCHESTER UNITED has struck a blow to be welcomed by anyone worried about declining standards on television. The club has rejected a proposal to have four hours a night dedicated to it on a cable TV channel.
"We thought it would be too intrusive," says Martin Edwards, the club's low-key chief

the burgeoning football sector. Put simply, any other way of bringing in revenue costs money.
To gain larger crowds requires a
bigger stadium — expanding Old
Trafford to a capacity of 55,000
will have cost United £92.7 million by the time it is finished — and to sell merchandise and replica shirts requires someone to make them. But when clubs sell the TV rights to matches, they just sit back and count the cash.

That is why pay-per-view TV is so attractive and why the present way of dividing TV revenues cannot hold. Currently half the income from the deal with BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News international, owner of The Times) is divided equally between the clubs, another quarter depends on where you end up in the table and the remainder on how often you appear. Edwards says this favours the smaller

clubs to the detriment of United. When it comes to negotiating a deal for pay-per-view, United and its big friends, such as Liverpool. Arsenal and Newcastle United, will want a bigger slice of the cake. This will lead to the break-up of the collective negotiating structure — even without the intervention of its biggest critic, the Director General of Fair Trading.

#### Political spin

Intrusive or not, TV dominates REASSURANCE about Labour's "relatively modest" reform plans for the utilities came in a recent note from Philip Hollobone, analyst at Williams de Broe: "Strong balance sheets and large potential cost savings should help cushion any blow." Voters in Lewisham East should ask for more pre-election invest-ment advice when Mr Hollobone appears on their doorsteps. He is their Conservative candidate.

# Sterling hits Burmah's performance

By Carl Mortished

PRICE cutting by competitors are keeping profits growth in check at Burmah Castrol, the lubricants company that makes Castrol GTX motor oil. The cost of the dearer pound is expected to continue this year and Burmah is cutting overheads, closing a US blending

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plant at a cost of \$10 million. The strength of sterling against the dollar and the mark held back earnings growth by 3 percentage points last year, said Jonathan Fry. chief executive. Pre-tax profit grew 3 per cent to £261 million in 1996 but, translating 1995 profits at current exchange rates, growth would have been 6 per cent. Mr Fry gave warning that the pain would get worse if rates remain 9 per cent more country by country to stay level because of

the strong pound. However. Burmah is raising the payout for the year 10

per cent to 36.8p with a final dividend of 24.8p (11.2p) paid out of foreign earnings. Because of special factors, Burmah is able to enhance the foreign income dividend by 6.2p, raising the total payout

to 43p, up 19 per cent. Burmah's lubricant earnings rose 6 per cent to £210 million at constant currencies. mainly because of the continuing strength of Asian mar-kets. Overall, Burmah's volumes rose only 3 per cent and lubricant profits fell in Europe and North America.

Mr Fry cited the BP/Mobil merger as having a depress-ing effect on prices in Europe. They have been pursuing market share very aggressive-ly," he said. In an effort to cut costs in the competitive US market, Burmah is to clos∈ lubricants blending plant in New Jersey and source the product from a third party.

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# (jes business as usual

#### **Nat Power** and RJB join forces

By OLIVER AUGUST

RIB MINING, England's main coal producer, has teamed up with National Power, the electricity generator, to pioneer a "clean coal" power

Together with Texaco, the US oil group, the two companies will spend several mil-lion pounds to study the feasibility of building the 400 megawatt station adjacent to RJB's Kellingley colliery in

Yorkshire. Using clean coal is environmentally friendlier but considerably more expensive than using ordinary coal or gas in

electricity generation. Richard Budge, the RJB chief executive, said Britain's national security partly depended on the development of a clean coal capability, possibly the only acceptable form of domestic fuel production in 20 years. The cost of building the plant is expected to be £300

Keith Henry, National Power's chief executive, said: "As the country's largest coal user, we are anxious to investigate all options to secure the future

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#### **Airtours** stake sold for £31m

By George Sivell

TOM TRICKETT, the co founder of Airtours with David Crossland, the chairman, yesterday sold 3.4 mil-lion shares in the travel company at 925p each, raising £31.45 million.

Mr Trickett, brother-in-law of Mr Crossland, retired from the company in 1994 although remained a non-executive director until last year.

He is said by advisers to be selling the shares for tax planning reasons. Mr Trickett had an arrangement with Mr Crossland to vote his shares with the chairman and not to sell the shares without consent. The agreement with Mr Crossland was ended before yesterday's disposal. The Airtours share price remained

unchanged, at 940 p. ☐ Hambro Countrywide revealed that Harry Hill, its managing director, had made an instant profit of £850,000 from share options. Mr Hill exercised options on 1 million shares at 40p each last week and sold I million shares in the market at 125p each. Shares in Hambro Countrywide remained unchanged, at 1242p yesterday. Mr Hill's

stake stays at 0.043 per cent.

## Study finds no sign of housing boom

THE housing market is not on the verge of a 1980s-style boom and is unlikely to fuel inflation, according to a report out today (Alasdair Murray writes).

Simon Briscoe, UK economist with Nikko Europe, argues that although the housng market saw a "boomlet" in 1996, house price inflation remains modest by historical standards, and structural

changes will help to restrain it. The recovery in house prices remains patchy, with prices

rising last year by an average of 8 per cent - barely a third of the rise seen in 1988. In real terms, house values remain 30 per cent below peak levels. Transactions are at about 60 per cent of late-1980s levels.

Mr Briscoe says changes in the labour market have made consumers feel more insecure, and made it harder to get a loan. He expects low inflation to hold the market back, with people unable to rely on inflation to help them over bad buys. For the second year in a row Malaysia Airlines has been voted 'Best Business Airline In Asia' by the readers of UK's Business Travel World magazine. Thanks to them and all our passengers everywhere. Our business is making it easier for you to go about yours.



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# Wall Street helps London to regain its confidence

off pre-election uncertainties and took its cue from America to notch up a confident start to the week.

As sterling strengthened against the mark to climb through its old ERM floor, the FT-SE 100 held on to gains to end the day 35.1 points ahead at 4,271.7. However, several large stocks, such as Unilever and Pearson, went ex-dividend, trimming the index rise by several points.

Dealers reported busy trade in British Steel, BT and National Grid, with modest volumes overall at 683 million.

The market had drugs on its mind for much of the day. SmithKline Beecham led the FT-SE 100 with a rise of 3512p to 893p, helped by the strength of the dollar and Wall Street's rise, while Zeneca jumped 22'20 to £17.62'2 after the UK launch of Zomig. its new

migraine drug.

Glaxo Wellcome may be tempted to reach for the Zomig after losing its appeal in the US against alleged infringe-ment of Zantac, its patent for ulcer treatment. The shares eased 4p to £10.86 after the decision, which clears the way for Novopharm to sell its own form of the treatment. Shares in Holliday Chemical, a supplier to Novopharm, jumped 13p to 152p.

Among the second-liners, Chiroscience added 7p to 371p after announcing a research with Alcon alliance Laboratorie

Tepnel Life Sciences enjoyed its moment in the biotech spotlight as its shares leapt 49p to a new high of 125p. making it also the market's highest mover. Weekend comment sparked interest in the group. Tepnel is developing two DNA diagnostic systems, but the group yesterday played down suggestions that an announcement was imminent. Kit Madden, chairman, said the group was hitting the targets outlined at the time of the rights issue last year. Losses of £2.5 million are forecast for the year to June.

Others in the sector failed to share the glory as Drew gains with a fall of 4712p to 150p after cautious brokers' comment, while Shield Diagnostics dropped 20p to 65212p.

Analysts warmed to results and chemical fuels group where Jonathan Fry is chief executive. It reported a 10 per



Good news from Jonathan Fry, left, and Brian Hardy, finance director, of Burmah Castrol, put 1612p on the shares

cent increase in underlying net coal power station fuelled a 10 income. The shares jumped 1612p to £10.14, helped by a number of buy recommendations and despite Burmah's caution on the impact of a

strong pound. ICI was boosted 14p to 71412p by a strong dollar and reports of a £1 billion offer for

cheer about as its shares lost further ground, plunging 89p to £13.0212. The fall comes after a disappointing drilling report last week capped an Unilever's speciality chemiearlier run and prompted cals division, while Hanson bearish comment.

Watch out for United Overseas Group, which makes its debut today. A premium of 10p-20p is expected on the 50p placing price for the group, which specialises in buying up excess stock from leading consumer goods manufacturers. The placing will raise £17.3 million, valuing the group at £60 million.

added 612p to 28012p on talk of plans to sell its electrical

BG was again in demand, with nearly 17 million shares changing hands. The shares moved up 5p to 17812p.

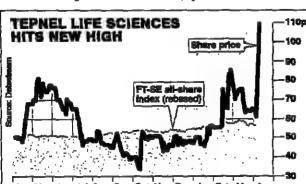
News of National Power joining forces with RJB Mining and Texaco to assess the feasibility of constructing the UK's first large-scale clean

Shares in Prism Railways were knocked off course after the publication of a report warning that five of the new private rail operators are on track for financial difficulties. AIM-quoted Prism, which operates four franchises, saw its shares drop sharply before recovering to close 10p lower at 345p, while angrily refuting the report's claims. The Go-

per cent jump in RJB shares.

British Borneo, the oil ex-

ploration group, found less to



Thames Trains and the Thameslink franchises, saw its shares slide 14p lower to 488<sup>1</sup>2p. National Express. which operates the North London route, dipped 312p to 55112p. Stagecoach dropped 212p to 646p.

A record half-time result at Manchester United, with profits up 27 per cent to £19.5 million, added just a penny to its share price at 642p. Sheffield United retreated 6p to 63p. It announced the £2 million sale of four sporstwear divisions, including the UK licence for the Le Coq Sportif

London Clubs, the casino operator, dropped back 7p to 40112p after the surprise referral of its bid for Capital Corp to the Monopolies and Merg-ers Commmission. Its bid has now lansed and Capital Corn ended 14p lower at 186p.

Trafficmaster saw shares drop 9p to 32312p after posting increased losses of E3.41 million with no dividend.

A profits warning from Universal Salvage prompted a sharp fall in its share price, down 6712p to 135p, a drop of 33 per cent. A snappier result from Moss Bross, with a 41 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £16 million, helped to lift shares 15p to £13.9712.

Housebuilders were gloomy after a downbeat report on the state of the housing market from Nikko Europe, the brokers. Barratt Developments ended 5p lower at 25712p. Flying Flowers dipped 212p

to 270p after two directors each sold a small number of shares, while renewed bid talk helped Pizza Express to head back towards £7 with a 2812p rise to 695p.

GILT-EDGED:

London market moved up in line with its European counterparts in early trading, but slipped back as dealers were tempted to take profits, switch-

ing into overseas bonds.
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# Oil pressure builds up

STERLING is a bit of a red herring for Burmah Castrol investors. As if to prove that the strength of the underlying business was not affected, Burmah raised its base dividend a full 10 per cent, despite the stunted growth in underlying profits. Losses incurred from translating overseas profits into sterling accounts are an irritation for any international business and Burmah's lubricants operation is not about exports but local production and distribution. In many countries, a weak dollar and falling crude oil price is a help.

But there is a competition issue for Burmah and it lies in Europe and North America. In the latter market, enormous investment has been pumped into persuading US consumers to buy synthetic motor oils at three or four times the price of conventional products. But consumers have stayed away in droves and competition has intensified in a market that is not growing. Better cars are using less oil and without the incentive from new (and more expensive) products, Burmah and its rivals will be hard pushed to prise more dollars from motorists. Meanwhile, in Europe, price erosion is a problem with the combined BP and Mobil passing on some of the merger

savings to consumers, gaining market share.
It is an article of faith for Burmah that lubricants, unlike petrol, are not a commodity and can sustain premium prices. Indeed, Burmah's brand has taken India by storm, amassing a 20 per cent share in the space of a few years. But, the challenge is greater in a nil-growth market and while big lubricant brands have some value in the developed world, the pressure to use price to gain market share could become irresistible.

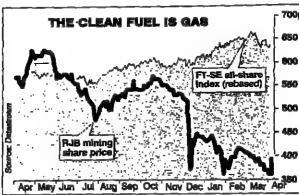
#### RJB Mining

BRITAIN'S biggest generator is making a commitment to the long-term future of coal in its tie-up with RJB and Texaco for the development of a clean-coal power station. But behind the scenes a more important battle is being waged over the near term future of UK coal.

The generators and RJB are locked in crucial talks over long-term contracts for dirty coal due to expire next year. They replace agreements entered into by the Government when it sold off British Coal and they will be the first deals to be negotiated by a privatised electricity industry intent on extracting a tough deal from RJB, the biggest coal producer in Britain, Set against RIB is the cheap price of gas. a clean source of energy that

for electricity generation. It is those contracts which will shape the future of coal in the UK. The generators are free to buy from whomever they choose and while they will maintain a commitment to UK coal, they will use the threat of cheap coal imports to force RJB's hand. The generators will remain big coal consumers despite the

dash for gas and the proximity of power stations to Britain's coalfields would make it folly to use too much imported coal. Nevertheless the production cost of South African, Australian and Far Eastern coal is far less than that produced in by RJB and the latter will need more than a clean coal project to secure itself a healthy future.



#### Capital Corp

IAN LANG, President of the Board of Trade, has developed a deft movement that helps him to reduce his workload and increase his operational efficiency as a Minister. Whenever a competition issue arrives on his in-tray, a quick flick of the wrist sends it to the out-tray, after which it leaves the office or remains in limbo until the arrival of his replacement

after May I. Gas, ferries and now posh casinos. A loss of competition in the latter market is unlikely to arouse the ire of a consumer watchdog. Those interested in the service provided by London Clubs and Capital Corporation tend to be very shy and very rich, months of the year. The last time that such issues were was in the early 1980s. to take over Triton TV and the concern was over similar market shares with a poten-

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tial dominant owner of more than 60 per cent of the London casino market.

Why should anyone care? In theory, there are three concerns. A player refused credit at one casino owned by the dominant operator, for whatever reason, would have few places left at which to lose his money. Likewise, if the Gaming Board chose to punish such a large operator for a misdemeanour, the result could be closure of two thirds of London's casinos.

These worries are rendered nugatory by the knowledge that casinos share information about banned players and the Gaming Board has other means to punish casino operators than mass closure. The real concern is that of rival operators. They claim casino market, London Clubs will have too much clout to promote its establishments to may worry Ladbroke, but it would be rather convenient if the outcome were that the

MMC forced London Clubs to sell one of its casinos.

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#### **Moss Bros**

IF CHAPS in new suits is an economic indicator, we are in a boom, at least according to sales figures from Moss Bros. Suit sales are on the increase, and Moss Bros has the right formula, carefully positioning its product at the right price points for specific consumers, enabling it to take market share from other, less savvy. operators. The result is strong sales and margins, and cash flow that can finance a healthy store development programme as well as pay dividends, interest and tax.

Moss Bros now faces two challenges, improving margins in Blazer, the preppy a suitable investment to gear growing at this rate, it can well afford a more risky bal-

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#### Joint venture for dynasties

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Buxton, chairman of Barclays Bank, on the engagement of his youngest daughter.

Two banking dynasties are to unite with the forthcoming marriage of Veronica Buxton, 27, and Michael Barlow, 30, the third son of millionaire merchant banker Sir John Barlow, and his wife, Susan, of Bulkeley Grange in Malpas, Cheshire.

Sir John, chairman of the family firm Thomas Barlow & Bros and a former high sheriff of Cheshire, is a familiar figure on the county hunting circuit. The motto on the Barlow coat of arms? Qui non proficit deficit.

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#### Kenyon transfer

NICE to see Peter Kenyon has finally made it to the board of a Premiership club. Currently living in the US, the chairman of football strip-makers Umbro International was originally in the frame as a non-executive director of Sunderland, but he bowed out prior to the flotation of the Tyne and Wear club. Now Kenyon is abandoning Umbro to become a director of its biggest client, Manchester United. His brief? To develop Manchester United the brand.

#### On the board

DENISE KINGSMILL the incoming deputy chair-man of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. has been appointed to the board of the Norwich and Peterborough Building Society. A graduate trainee at ICI and a former marketing executive for the International Wool Secretariat, she combined her role as a mother with qualifying as a solicitor. She is a consultant for Denton Hall, and is, not surprisingly, committed to



Kingsmill: committed to concept of mutuality

COMET is cashing in on building society windfalls. According to a survey commissioned by the electrical retailer, more than a third of those aged under 24 who hold a building society account qualifying for a payout plan to spend their windfall on electrical products. This compares with 10 per cent in the 45 to 65-year-old bracket and 18 per cent of those aged 22 to 44.

#### Crest of a wave

LICHFIELD GIN is to make its debut at next week's Hanover Industry Fair. Produced by William Grant & Son, to an original recipe, its green and gold label features the Earl of Lichtield's crest. Another batch will be on its way to Hong Kong later this month, on the last voyage of the Royal Yacht Britannia to promote British exports throughout Asia and the Far East.

THE more expensive the company car, the less like ly a woman will be allowed to drive it according to research from Cowie, the motor retailers and company car management specialists. Cars valued at £45,000 or more were driven almost exclusively by men. Meanwhile cars valued at £9,000 or less were driven almost solely by women.

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Lord Paul was among an audience of business leaders listening to Tony Blair in the City yesterday. Labour launches its business manifesto on Friday

# Blair prepares executives to do business with Labour

ony Blair's foray into the City yesterday prompted a raging pre-election row over privatisation. Though making explicit a shift on public ownership is significant, the thrust of the Labour leader's remarks, and of the business manifesto Labour is to launch this week, embodies a fundamental realignment between Labour and business.

Leading Conservatives leapt on Mr Blair's remarks about public ownership as ammunition for charges of a fresh new Labour swerving. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, accused Mr Blair of a "preposterous and humiliating U-turn", while Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, anacked Labour as "unprincipled scoundrels", insisting that "you cannot put people who are making it up as they go along in charge of the national economy".

But Labour leadership sources emphasised that his statement was a specific expression of the key shift in Labour's thinking which Mr Blair's rewriting of Clause 4 of its constitution embodied, balancing a commitment to social justice with a commitment to a strong enterprise economy.

Labour's pragmatic stance on privatisation — as Mr Blair put it yesterday, "what matters is what works" — will be red electoral meat in the daily scrapping before polling day. But behind the political prizefighting, business will be interested in the detail of what Mr Blair said yesterday - and what Labour's business manifesto will say when it is launched on Friday.

Business leaders listening directly to Mr Blair at the Corn Exchange in the City broadly welcomed what he said. Danny Bernstein, managing director of Monarch Airlines, said: "It was a very positive message, a very strong message and a very consistent message." John Jackson, chairman of Ladbrokes, agreed about its positive impact, and said: "Hopefully business is being taken out of politics." Christopher Mackenzie, president of financial services company G E Capital Europe. welcomed in particular what the Labour leader said on Europe: "He was saying Britain should not stand on the sidelines throwing tomatoes but have a constructive relationship with

Business leaders more broadly will concentrate closely on Labour's new business manifesto - perhaps noting Philip Bassett believes that the party and industry have reached an accommodation

that Labour is the only party that is launching a pre-election statement aimed specifically at business, traditionally seen as a bastion of support for the Conservatives.

The document draws together and clarifies two policy documents on business that Labour issued last auturn within a few days of each other.

One, New opportunities for business, complete with a Tony Blair forward and cover picture, set out in glossy terms the Labour leadership's view of its changed relationship with business. The other, Vision for growth: a new industrial strategy

for Britain, complete with a forward from Margaret Beckett, Labour's Shadow Trade and Indusa dourer product leven after intervention by the leader's office), slipped out almost unnoticed on the day that Mr Blair arrived at the TUC's annual conference in Blackpool on a highprofile visit. Business was

Tony Blair is realigning Labour confused by what it saw as two dis-

what was the real Labour line. Labour leadership sources lost little time in privately telling them, though since then Mrs Beckett has come in considerably from the cold, right into the new Labour front rank - and significantly it was Mrs Beckett who vesterday hit the airwaves to defend and explain Mr Blair's Corn Exchange speech, after having herself struck a similar note on privatisation some weeks ago in a BBC TV On the Record

The privatisation row and the full election combat, together with the Conservatives' relative success in managing to drag the hoary issue of Labour's relations with the trade unions back on to the electoral agenda. mean that the launch of the business manifesto, to be called Equipping Britain for the Future, will now garner a degree of attention greater than it would have done before the election was called.

The document will contain key sections on macroeconomic stability: on rewards at work, including taxes and benefits and Labour's new deal for the long-term unemployed; on modern labour markets, in-

cluding labourmarket flexibility. education and skills; on small firms; on strong leadership in Europe: and on additional issues such as inward investment, export promotion and business and the environment In doing so, it will draw together most of what Lab-

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spend: the importinctly different messages, embodied in tance of economic discipline, low the style, approach and content of the inflation, low interest rates; a blend of two documents, and wanted to know job market change with minimum employment standards, focused on new investment in education and skills; attacking, as the CBI wanted, the "drag anchor" on business of long-term unemployment with new welfare-towork proposals; and a more constructive role in Europe.

Business remains sceptical about how far a Labour government, if one were to be elected, would be able to enact such pledges. But while business still doesn't much want to see Labour in power, its judgment is that it is going to see that; and if it is, it wants to take part in it, to influence it, to steer a Labour government led by Mr Blair in a pro-business direction.

At present, business is wary. CBI leaders, for instance, felt bruised when their conversations with Labour leaders were recently presented as involvement in drafting this week's business manifesto — though they felt equally bruised by the Conservative backlash, the whole episode doing little more than stiffening their resolve to try to steer a politically neutral course.

But behind that wariness is a real interest in what Labour is proposing, though in many areas it stops well short of enthusiasm — business is not ever going to like the minimum wage or Labour's intention to sign the European social chapter, and certainly does nor want to see any return to 1960s and 1970s-style tripartite corporatism, combining with the Government and the trade unions to run the economy, and not being startlingly successful at it.

Business leaders like what they have seen of Mr Blair, and at least some of his lieutenants. In a single week recently, for instance, CBI leaders met privately and separately with Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, and Stephen Byers, Labour's employee relations spokesman. Many accept that

Labour government would not damage the economy in the way that the Conservatives are warning, and some believe that Labour's more positive line on Europe in particular would genuinely help business — especially exporters — to compete in increasingly tough and increasingly global markets.

Such views enrage Conservative aders, who believe that business is falling prey to the lure of new Labour, while forgetting the benefits won under the Conservatives.

Business will probably like most of what it sees from Labour on Friday, much as many leaders liked what they heard from Mr Blair yesterday - even if they doubt that the rest of his party has as yet fully taken to heart his views on privatisation, for instance. Despite Conservative criticisms, and despite business still not wanting Labour to win and having considerable reservations about what will happen if it does, business and Labour look to have reached an accommodation: Labour thinks that it can do business with business, and business thinks it can do business with Labour.



# Tax claims are fooling no one

Britain's two main par-ties are so frightened of the question of tax. so committed to defensive vacuity on one hand and meaningless mud-slinging on the other that they have virtually neutralised each other on the issue. The Liberal Democrats are offering the electorate symbolic rises in the basic and higher rates of tax, safe in the knowledge that they will never implement them.

Nobody is talking any sense on tax; most voters know it and do not seem to care. The first MORI poll of the campaign for The Times showed that most people believe that a victorious Labour Party would raise income tax, despite its pledges to leave the main rates unchanged for the duration of the next Parliament. Yet Labour's opinion poil lead over the Conservatives was undiminished.

A survey last week by Accountancy Age magazine and Reed Accountancy Personnel found that more than half of the finance chiefs at UK companies felt that taxes ought to be raised after the election to pay for genuine improvements to the health service, education and law and order. Of the 37 per cent who opposed higher taxes, 80 per cent thought they would happen anyway. And, for the record, only 2 per cent of those questioned thought tax rises were more

likely under Labour.

Barring another stunning fall from grace by one of our parliamentarians, tax will this week return to centre stage as the institute for Fiscal Studies publishes its views on the outlook for taxes and spending and makes a judgement on the claims and counter claims of the campaign. It is not likely to make comfortable reading for either of the main

election contenders. The institute has been expressing trenchant views on Britain's fiscal position ever since the Budget last November. Although much of the worrying on the public finances in the Tressury has revolved around tax revenues since the great VAT black hole scare a while ago, revenues have since picked up along with the economy and are running close to official forecasts. The real problem

facing the next government is public spending. Andrew Dilnot, the IFS's director, was in blunt mood last month. The spending plans in the Red Book, to which Gordon Brown has committed himself for the first two years of a Labour government, "would have been regarded as too draconian by Margaret Thatcher" and could be described as "Ken Clarke's joke at

Labour's expense Put plans for health spend-ing in historical context and you see what he means. In the tax years from 1996-97 to 1999-2000, health spending is planned to rise 0.6 per cent and then 0.8 per cent. In years three and four, spend-ing is planned to fall 0.8 per cent and then be flat. Cumulatively, this is growth of 0.7 per cent, compared with the 12.5 per cent which would, on average, have been expected in any four years you care to take in a long-run trend.

Under the successive Governments of Mrs Thatcher, for example, health spending averaged growth of 3 per cent a year. Total spending is planned to grow by 0.1, 0.3, 0.4 and 0.6 per cent in the same four years, a pro-file which Mr Dilnot describes as "apparently not from this planet". None of the parties have

faced up to the fiscal realities, and it is not just a question of the very tight spending plans over the next

The truth is that Britain is more lightly taxed than virtually any other European economy, and if we British voters want better public services or even to maintain the standard of the ones we have, we will have to accept radical changes in how they are delivered - ie, finance many of them directly out of our own pockets -or pay higher taxes.

If there is to be radical change, the front-end costs will be huge. None of this will figure in the run-up to May I and, in a country in which low taxation has become an unquestioned plank of the centrist consensus, it is arguable whether it ever will be debated openly. The fact that the British public accepts this conspiracy of silence is testament to how often governments have lied about tax in the past.

# No need to ask who owns what if regulation is on the right track

Tom Winsor says watchdogs should be given irrelevant. The heart of more bite if the public interest is to be served

the argument about their future lies in how they should be operated and to what ends, not about who owns the kit. Without regulation, the owners of the assets can more or less do what they like. With regula-

tion, brakes can be put on the owners, while the public interest in ensuring proper steward-ship and the efficient and fair provision of essential services can be protected. The welcome reality is that now, at last, that is what the debate is about. It will be a

relief to shareholders and the privatised industries that never again will there be talk of renationalisation. But it might concern them rather more if a future government were to decide that the existing regulatory controls and institutions have not worked well enough, and that change is needed. They would want to know the consequences of such change. Nationalisation was done to

protect the public interest. The old remedy of the 1940s was to acquire full public ownership of the assets, so that the assets could be operated to achieve public interest rather than private sector objectives. But if the motive of public ownership is the protection of the public interest, it should have been realised - as it has been now that the public interest in the proper and responsible operation of essential assets can be protected very effectively if there is in place a proper

have been harmed.

rangements measure up? What-

ever the objectives of a future

government, it would be a

mistake to make the regulators

the puppets of Ministers, A

regulator can take a long-term

view of his industry, and it

would be tragic if that were lost

with a return to annualised and

intrusive political control. But if

the industry receives substan-

regulatory regime. The regulators of the privatised industries have far more actual power over the industries they regulate than

tial amounts of public subsidy ministers ever had in the past. - railways, for example, re-The regulators' instruments of ceive £2 billion a year - the control - price setting, efficicase for more accountability for ency, fair competition and so on the spending of that money is a - are far sharper and more focused than any tool that a good one. But how much more accountability? Reform should Minister could use against the not harm the commercial cersemi-autonomous board of a tainty and stability that comnationalised industry.

So, with a system of public interest regulation already in panies need for investment. If



the flame of regulation is turned up too high, the cost of capital will rise as well, and that may

drive up prices. There are flaws in the regulatory regimes. Some os those can be weeded out using the change mechanisms already built into the regulatory systems. Others will require legislation. For example, in railways.

ing obligations are non-existent, despite the fact that over time they are being paid to renew the network, not just maintain it in steady state. That should be put right. Competi-tion law enforcement is worfully slow and weak. The rail and telecoms regulators have put that right by designing new powers for themselves that sidestep the Office of Fair Trading and concentrate great-er powers in their own hands. Other regulators will probably

Railtrack's investment spend-

Effective regulation can easily be hampered by poor information in the hands of regulators, although some companies regard it as in their interests to confuse and overload their regulators with information in the hope that they will not find what they are looking for. The quality and efficiency of regulation is immensely important and the regulators should be equipped with better powers and resources to secure and analyse crucial information. The decisions of regulators must be made on the best possible factual and analytical bases.

Regulators should give full reasons for their decisions. They should not perpetuate the practices of some who pretend that a statement of the effects of a decision is the same as explaining why that decision has been taken. Asser disposals

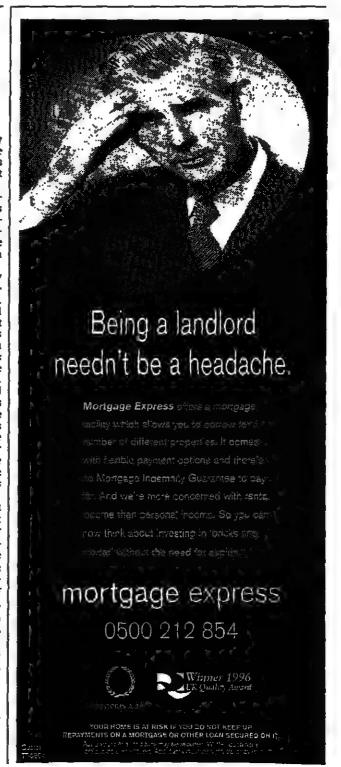
operator selling off key assets are far from good enough. That too must be put right. Quality standards for ser-

vices that regulation requires companies to provide need effective policing. Socially necessary services should be protected, as the case of South West Trains has illustrated. The efficiency and economy

of privatised companies is crucial to the wider economy. Infrastructure operators should publish clear information about their networks and their plans for enhancing them in a form that enables dependent users and new entrants to make sound investment decisions. And they should adopt fair and efficient commercial practices that promote the interests of the whole industry. Where there is unnecessary complexity in the contractual arrangements for the industry, they should be simplified. All this can be done quickly and easily, if the will is

The Labour Party has made it clear that sound public interest regulation is at the heart of their policy for the privatised industries. In doing so, they have chosen both the most effective and the cheapest instrument for protecting the public interest. If they get the chance to implement that policy, they should do so only with a thorough understanding of how the regulatory regimes work and a clear policy on public interest objectives. To do so would be to consign ownership issues to the dustoin

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#### Irish to cut cost of calls

TELECOM EIREANN. the Republic of Ireland's state-controlled telecommunications company, yesterday announced a package of price reductions worth Ir£80 million (Eileen McCabe writes).

The cuts on international calls and telephone connection fees are the latest in a series by the company as it prepares for the opening of the Irish mar-ket to competition.

Telecom Eireann has cut iobs and tariffs over the past few years. Last summer, the Irish Government sold a 20 per cent stake in the company for IrE183 million.

# Tobacco groups duel over Marlboro Man

South African tobacco-based conglomerate, is suing Philip Morris, the US cigarette group, over an alleged infringement of famous trade names.

In a writ, lodged at the High Court in London, Rembrandt alleges that Philip Morris has broken an agreement precluding it from using tobacco trademarks including the Marlboro Man - in the southern African region. It is seeking an injunction against further

REMBRANDT GROUP, the breaches, and is pressing for unspecified damages.

The court move is an embarrassment to Philip Morris, which with other US tobacco companies, faces high-profile law suits from American can-

The tobacco industry received a knock last month. when Liggett Group, the smallest of the US producers, broke ranks and said tobacco was addictive and could cause cancer. Under a deal with 22 state attorneys-

general, Liggett pledged to pay 25 per cent of its profits for 25 years, in order to settle the

The four large tobacco com-panies obtained a court order, preventing Liggett from turning sensitive documents over to prosecutors. Linklaters & Paines, the law

Morris. The firm would not comment No one was available at Philip Morris in New York.

firm, is acting for Rembrandt

in its dispute with Philip



# Goldsmiths sales and payout rise

GOLDSMITHS GROUP, the evidence of a consistent recovretail jewellers, reported a rise in pre-tax profits from £4.5 million to 66 million in the year to February I on sales up from £63 million to £70.4 million. Earnings rose from 15.11p to 19.12p, enabling total dividends to rise from 4.5p to 7.0p a share.

On the outlook for the current year, Jurek Piasecki, chairman and chief executive, said: "Although sales for the first two months of the year are up 6 per cent on a like-forlike basis and 11 per cent in

ery in consumer spending. Trading over Christmas was particularly fragile with increases only coming through in the last few days." Mr Piasecki confirmed the

group would open 15 shops

This accelerated opening programme will inevitably reduce, in the short term, the historic rate of growth, but the long-term prospects of the group will be significantly enhanced," he said.

The shares rose from 387's

#### Universal's shares fall

SHARES in Universal Salvage fell 65p to 1374p after the business support services group said its fullyear profit would be "substantially below" current

market expectations. Universal added that Richard Bird, the managing director, has left with immediate effect. Chiff Bassett, the chairman, will take over until a successor is appointed.

Universal said that profits have declined in the short term as the company continues to implement further stringent measures to meet the highest ethical standards.

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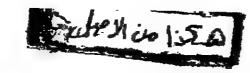
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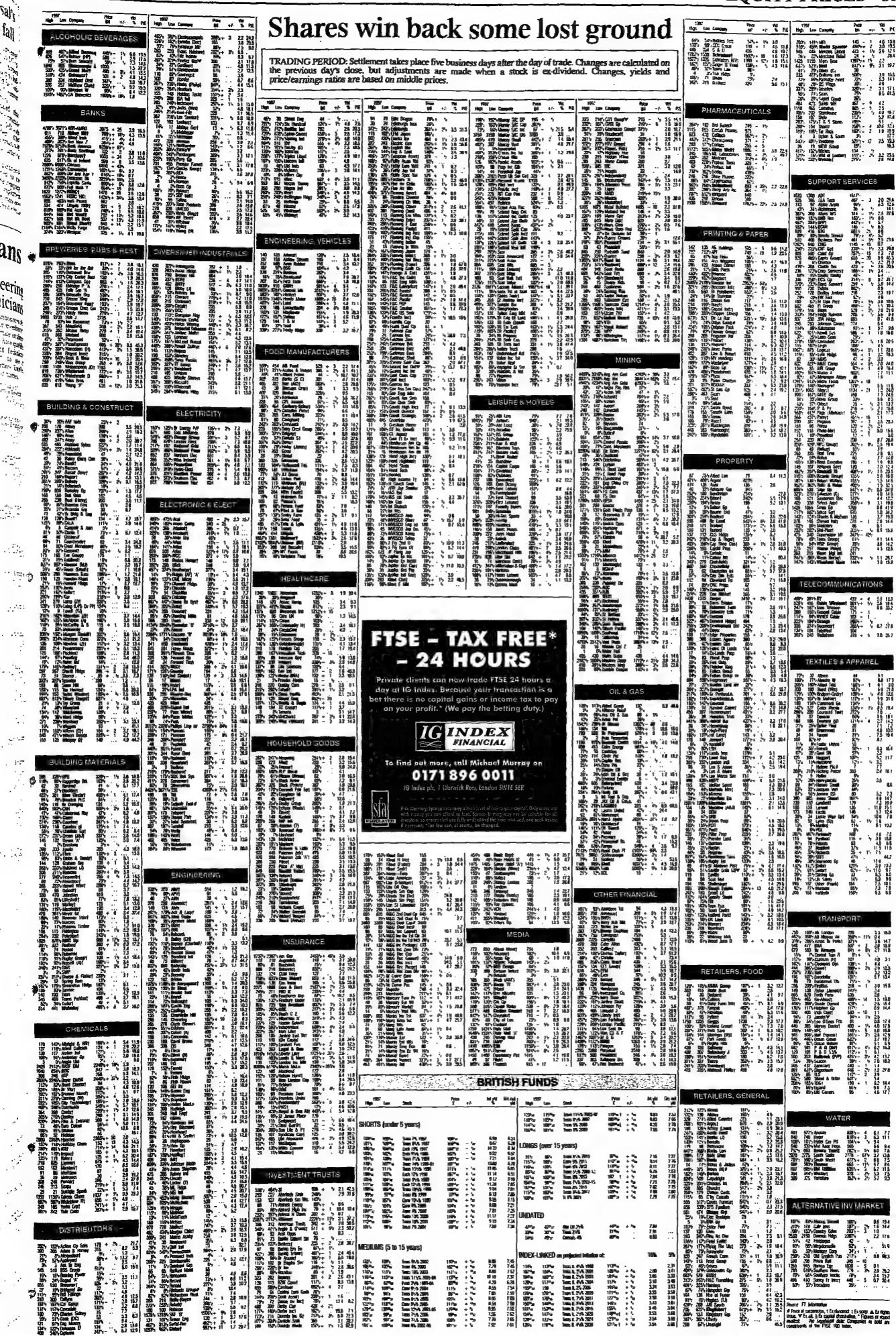
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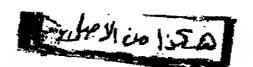




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# Intimations of a strange mortality

VISUAL ART: At the Hayward, Richard Cork inspects the transfiguration of 'everyday stuff'

hying away from the word "sculpture", the Hayward Gallery's new show nevertheless teems with physical objects. Whether scavenged in a skip or bought at a supermarket, made from scratch or cast from life, these bits and pieces of the late 20th century punc-tuate their wide, white spaces with anxiety, wit, irony, plea-sure, fear and wonder. The survey's dour title, Material Culture, strikes a forbidding note. But the selected artists ensure that the experiences on offer here escape from sobriety into a strange and unpredictable world.

The 45 participants all work in Britain, and their contributions range in date from the late 1970s to 1996. If it had been a strictly chronological affair, the show would start in earnest with the generation responsible for the so-called New Sculpture of the early 1980s. But Tony Cragg, Richard Deacon, Bill Woodrow and their contemporaries are scattered among younger artists. So this is a freewheeling exhibition that defies tight categories and encourages us to look afresh at even the most familiar individuals.

The first room is certainly provocative. Dangling from the ceiting is a colossal, swollen lump of cast iron by Antony Gormley, Called Srill Falling, it seems utterly at variance with the thousands of clay figurines who crowded the gallery floor when he last showed at the Hayward. But Still Falling is a product of the same singleminded involve-ment with the human figure. A mould of the artist's body provided the springboard, and he then took a second mould measured at a distance from the first. The outcome is mysterious, oddly bloated. and more akin to an expanded vegetable than a male nude.

In this respect, it yields surprising connections with the otherwise very different work by Damien Hirst on a neighbouring wall. Its title, The Lovers: (Spontaneous, Committed, Detached, Compromising) suggests something freighted with messy. conflicting emotions. Instead, Hirst presents four cabinets with clinical precision, each containing cows' organs in jars of different sizes. Although far less exposed and alarming than his Mother and Child Divided at the Tate's Turner Prize show, the jars' contents still have the ability to disturb.

If Hirst and Gormley invite us to think about the body's physicality, Anish Kapoor pushes solid form to the edge of dissolution. His Untitled Mirror, gleaming at the far end of the first room, is a vast, concave, stainless-steel dish. Highly polished, it initially provides upside-down reflec-tions of the gallery. As I approached, though, my body gradually filled the mirror with darkness. Peering further in still, I found a normal reflection at last. But the moment of physical extinction lingers in my memory, and in that respect it turns out to have unexpected links with Is Suicide Genetic?, Sarah Lucas's

nearby exhibit, Her scorched and disintegrating armchair testifies to a disaster, and the work's grue-some title indicates that self-inflicted death by fire has occurred. But a helmet, meticulously constructed from cigarettes, sits on the battered seat. Did its maker once try to

> **6** Could these glacial chambers harbour corpses? 🤊

combat despair by smoking? Lucas provides no answer, but leaves us in no doubt about the desperate, almost absurd plight of the person whose life is supposedly memorialised.

Throughout, the appearance and disappearance of the human body is a major theme. In the long downstairs space, the 21 glass plates comprising Christine Borland's "From life", Berlin are ranged around the walls. Gradually traces of dust become visible on the glass. And with the help of the gallery's lighting, we discover faint shapes left by bones from a human skeleton. Their very indistinctness makes them poignant, and the suspicion that they might be forensic evidence gives them a

few of the other exhibits rely on humour: Abigail Lane's chair with a blue inkpad seat confronts an image on the wall bearing the imprint of someone's buttocks. Even here, though, the whimsy is countered by a hint that it might be part of an investigative procedure or even a ritual humiliation. The proximity of Borland's exhibit makes this possibility hard to discount, and her glass plates also help to shape how we see Marcus Taylor's perspex units.

Based on the forms of ordinary kitchen fridges, these

luminous white oblongs should be transparent. But Taylor has sanded their surfaces so that the interiors are cloudy. The difficulty of deciding what they might contain lends them a sense of menace. Could these glacial chambers harbour corpses?

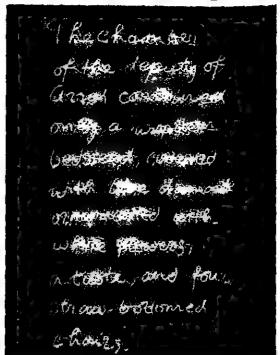
The longer we spend in this stimulating show, the more we discover links between works displayed in different rooms as well. The frustration of examining Taylor's perspex containers is doubled when we arrive at Julian Opie's D/889-E. Made of painted wood, this plain white shed provides views of its interior through windows set in the sides. But Opie supplies no entrance. We are left walking round his enigmatic structure, thwarted by its refusal to fulfil an architectural role and let us

Upstairs, by contrast, Shirazeh Houshiary does allow us to explore the interior of monumental Isthmus. Seen from the outside, this matt-black megalith of aluminium seems an exercise in minimalist severity. A slit in the side allows us to squeeze through, gaining access to a tall, narrow space which might easily have been claustrophobic. By lining it with polished copper, though, Houshiary transforms the lofty vault into a warm and reassuring enclosure.

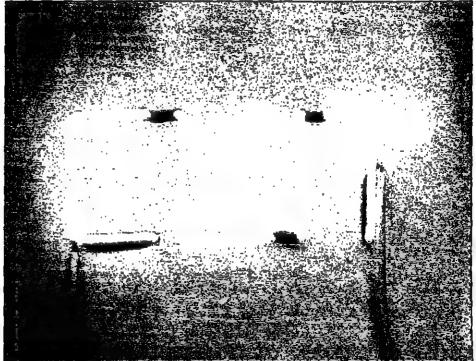
ut Isthmus remains exceptional in its willingness to let us penetrate the object. Most of the works at the Hayward issue no such invitation. They keep their distance and ask to be inspected, not occupied. Some, like Richard Deacon's shelf full of inventive and sensuous pieces from his su-perb Art for Other People series, look as if they would like to be picked up and fondled. Others, most notably Grenville Davey's austere (Gold) Table, take as their starting-point the notion of hirnishing a room. But nothing could be mistaken for a functional object.

So although many contributors to the Hayward survey are indebted to Duchamp's pioneering use of the readymade object, nobody follows his example and leaves it wholly unaltered. Mona Hatourn may have purchased a slotted spoon in a Jerusalem market, but she filled the holes with nuts and bolts that transform a domestic implement into a weapon. The desk-like table used by Rachel Whiteread to make her untitled resin block has been discarded, leaving only her luminous cast of the space









Clockwise from top left: Tix 3 by Cerith Wyn Evan (1996); Matisse chez Duplai by Ian Hamilton Finlay (1997); Framework for colour co-ordination for building purposes by Douglas Gordon and Simon Patterson (1992-97); Tract (from Boost to Wham) by Richard Wentworth (1993)

ing-point, such as the clapped-

But most of her fellowout twin-tub that provided Bill Woodrow with the metal to make the guitar attached so brazenly to its surface. Soon after finding this unwanted washing machine in a London street, he explained that "any material has a potential for manipulation, to be made into something other than its active form at the time you find it". And this "something other" gives the best work in this exhibition its consistent sense of challenge and resourcefulness, discovering an unexpect-ed poetry in what Woodrow described as "everyday stuff". • Material Culture at the Hay-ward Gallery (0171-261 0127) until May 18

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SALEEM ARIFS show consists of two distinct groups of work; the large, solid wall pieces set up a perpetual play between two and three dimensions, while the framed watercolours and gnuaches show a looser, more fluid weight. The swirling solidity of the deep crusted larger pieces, with the image cut out in negative relief, makes it impossible to tell where image begins and ends. Metamorphosis gains an almost metallic quality from opaque paint mixed with sand. The framed works are different; lyrical, joyous, Modernist and less like iconic objects.

Saleem Arif's Gardens of grace is at A.R.K.S Gallery, 16 North Audley Street, London WIY IWE (0171-491 4600) until April 26

#### AROUND THE GALLERIES

☐ THE rare opportunity to see Patrick Caulfield's recent large paintings shows that they carry a more all-over design. It is almost as if the earlier painted illusions of place and atmosphere had been replaced by the shorthand of the designer. It is a code where lights return to their principal role and throw off a perfect circular glow. Exit signs come forward out of the gloom. Instead of slotting elaborately rendered slices of illusionistic life together, the place turns into a vaguely grasped pattern of suggestion. Every now and then illusionistically painted details - a fully

flowering Busy Lizzie, a few slices of best steak or a pen slotted into a desk pen-holder - are given the full allound Caulfield painterly treatment and deliberately arranged as if off centre on a table top. His paintings have always carried a powerful pull between real life and still-life, but the development here is surely to do with sight. The place has become less of a picture and is more about the sensation of being there, in the dark, content that the outside world is temporarily excluded.

Patrick Caulfield's New Paintings is at Waddington Galleries, 11 Cork Street London WIX 2LT (0171-437 8611) until

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THEATRE: Daragh Carville's secretive Belfast play; plus the Iliad revisited



The word games people play: Belfast friends Peter Ballance, Thomas Lappin and Maria Connolly share a pint

# No end to hostilities

omething nasty has happened in the past. A few of the characters know it, the audience soon begins to realise it. But precisely what is this awful secret, and how will X, Y and Z react when they discover it? It is a situation that comes with built in tension, which is presumably why I have encountered it pretty often in the theatre. All the dramatist need do is keep his people warily circling the unsayable - and. lo, a play is born.

But of course the play may be Oedipus Rex and may be Daragh Carville's Language Roulette, which is not exactly Sophoclean in its scope and power. It is set in Belfast in 1994, "during the ceasefire".

ooks I and II of the !liad are the

second chunk of Homer's 15,000-

Line epic to be re-fashloned into English by Christopher Logue. "It's not at all a literal translation," he once told me,

though nearly everything is there. Think

of it as a contemporary re-living." Hence

the references to helicopters and to

Rommel after El Alamein. Hence also,

since Logue is a poet, the immediacy of his

know no more Ancient Greek than the

words hoi polloi to gain a better sense of

the original excitement than from the

prose of E.V. Rieu in the Penguin Classics.

first spoke Logue's version of a later

episode in the battle for Troy and now his

Kings, following the same route from

broadcast to theatre, gives us the opening

events. Not as far back as the abduction of

Helen, but the quarrel between Achilles

and Agamemnon over a slave-girl. Then briefly up to Olympus, and back to earth

It is nearly 20 years since Alan Howard

which allows those of us v

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Language Roulette

but though that happy period is pointedly mentioned by the characters, it does not seem relevant to their lives or to the sad secret some of them share. Personal treachery, not the fate of a community, is what concerns Carville.

That would be fine if we were made to feel that the emotional stakes were high. But the return of Patrick Lennox's nervous, affable Joseph to his native Belfast after years on the Continent begins a bit flatly. One friend, Alan McKee's Colm, seems welcoming. Another, Peter Bal- to loosen. The big secret turns

lance's Tim, is less so. In fact. he grimly says something to the effect that it's going to be a dark night tonight, boys. At this my spirits rose somewhat. Maybe men with "love" and "hate" tattooed on their knuckles would pop up from the floor to give Joseph the sort of

grilling Stanley gets in Pinter's Birthday Party? But no.
Instead the old friends, reinforced by a couple of hangers-on and Colm's estranged wife, move from living-room to what, though Terry Loane's set makes no concessions to the switch, is now the local pub. Here, a variant dramatic formula comes into play. Under the influence of booze. and the odd pill, tongues begin

out to be - but I suppose I had better not give away Carville's denouement, though it seems neither very awesome nor very surprising.

The dialogue is sprightly and the actors, especially Ballance's angry Tim and McKee's big soft Colm, are a credit to their company, the Belfast-based Tinderbox Theatre. Yet despite the troupe's name, the heat generated is never intense. I was most gripped when the characters were playing word-games over their beer, or describing the sly, sadistic rules of "language roulette" itself; but not, I fear, gripped a lot.

> BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

# Of loutish **Greeks**

Kings Tricycle

in time to catch the Greeks rushing back to their ships, only to be persuaded to return to the fight. Odysseus publicly whips Thersites for daring to utter what we, though not Homer, would call a democratic protest, and the performance breaks off just before battle commences.

Logue himself introduces Howard's 90minute performance and then sits at a side-table following the text, speaking plummily for old Nestor. Howard begins

perched upon a half-chair, half-barstool, casually dressed and at ease. His voice, eloquent and nobly versatile, can sound too carefully modulated in dramatic performance, but for the Logue Homer he resurrects the skills of the storyteller, playing Greeks and gods (a comically troubled Zeus) or narrator with attractive modulations of tone and the occasional raised eyebrow to point a line.

revealing the characters in this portion of the epic as a thoroughly detestable lot. Thuggish Agamemnon and loathsome Odysseus - why should we be interested in these louts? When Logue makes Odysseus speak contemptuously of democracy (a notion unknown to Homer). he is offering us the clue: such men are dangerous and should be shunned like the plague that only ever kills hoi polloi and never, alas, the appalling kings.

JEREMY KINGSTON

# 1 Wills Form, flair and frenzy

icochet Dance Company is a dancer-led pany outfit that commissions work and collaborates with the choreographers it hires. And as its current programme shows, these dancers clearly know what they are doing.

Their one-off appearance at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Saturday night (part of the Spring Loaded festival) offered

BANCE

Ricochet Queen Elizabeth Hall

two new works, one by the hard-working veteran Rose-mary Lee, the other by the man of the moment on the independent dance scene. Javier De Frutos. In Lee's case, it was a worthy and enlightening result; with De Frutos, it

was a stroke of genius.

Lee's work. Treading the Night Plain, is the product of a choreographic research project at Middlesex University. The five dancers, fast becoming one of Britain's strongest ensembles, have the feel of explorers about them. The women are the braver species, straining at the leash to move on while the men provide balance and ballast. At 30 minutes, the work is too long, goaded on by Terry Riley's score (recorded by the Kronos Quartet), but Lee's persuasive recurring images and her well-crafted sense of atmosphere give the work a sympathetic warmth.

De Frutos's new piece may have a rather long-winded title All visitors bring happiness, some by coming, some by going - but there is nothing long-winded about the choreography. It is compressed, impassioned and electrifying.

Stravinsky's Les Noces churns up a whirlpool of frenzied physicality. But instead of the traditional malefemale bonding at the heart of Les Noces (The Wedding), De Frutos conjures up a fierce predatory coupling between two men, so heated that it around them.

The 30 minutes of choreography are furious and selfannihilating, like the sex act itself. The two men and three women are felled by the wave of ferocity, and only at the end can they catch their breath. Until then, what they have been doing is killing them, and they don't seem to care.

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# Who fills our local screens?

his Friday a modestly budgeted thriller with a Glasgow setting opens in 15 cinemas throughout Scotland, prior to a national British release next month. A comparatively minor event in film terms, per-haps, but important for a company called Metrodome, because The Near Room marks the arrival of a new kid on the block in Britain's distribution scene

Distributors are the people who get films into cinemas; they are the link between the film-makers and the filmgoers. They are dominated by Hollywood's representatives in Britain, companies like Columbia, UIP, Warner, Fox and Buena Vista. While enjoy-ing some autonomy, their main business is to put the movies made and acquired by the big Hollywood studios into

Yet much of the interesting and original cinema on our screens gets there via distribution companies which are not attached to Hollywood's umbilical cord: art-house distributors such as Artificial Eye, who for 21 years have embraced foreign-language movies and the work of American independent film-makers, or — at the other end of that spectrum — tiny companies such as Gala, who scored a considerable success a few years back with Wild Target.

On a somewhat larger scale, there is the French-owned Guild with its mixed bag of art-house movies and highprofile critical successes (Burnt by the Sun, Antonia's Line and Breaking the Waves) and Polygram, whose "labels" include Britain's Working Title (Fargo and Dead Man

Entertainment, a family firm, is one of the British success stories. In the past few years it has enjoyed a growth in product and prestige with such films as Seven, The Piano, Leaving Las Vegas and Evita. Other players are the HTV-owned First Independent and Rank, whose operation, inherited by new owners Carlton, covers distribution and co-production deals with a variety of American and Brit-

t is at the modest end of the market that Metrodome has decided to set up its stall. As Rupert Preston, Metrodome's acquisition director, explains: Between the big independently released films and the arthouse movies, there's a large gap. There are hundreds of good films being made all round the world which aren't being seen in the UK simply because there aren't enough companies here to release them. The films we've got in this first year are all films from young film talent, which tend to be aimed at the 16 to 30year-olds, perhaps with a bit of

Metrodome's first truly national release early next month, however, has rather a female bias. Margaret's Museum, based on short stories by Sheldon Currie, stars Heiena Bonham Carter. That will be followed by two films from the

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American independent sector: ture Film, hopes that at least Johns, starring Lukas Haas and David Arquette, and Palookaville, a warm-hearted comedy about three young losers who want to be winners.

But there is more to Metrodome than acquisition. The company is the result of a marriage between Preston's company Starlight, which last year released the critically acclaimed Swimming with Sharks, and Metrodome Films, makers of Leon the Pig Farmer: so future Metrodome

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movies will be distributed through its own company.

This is what the studios do, and we're aiming to be a micro studio," says Alan Martin, the managing director. "We're also receptive to other producers. If it's a good project we can take a producer right through from production to distri-

This was also the thinking when Channel 4 set up its own distribution company, Film Four Distributors, two years ago, realising the publicity and other advantages of being able to control the entire operation. And it is the sort of arrangement which is intended to flourish under the four lottery-funded film awards to

be announced in May.
Virtually everyone in film land has a bid in. Will Clarke. head of distribution for Fea-

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one of the smaller companies will benefit. "It could be a great opportunity to create growth for independent dis-tributors." he says. Britain is one of the most

expensive places in the world to launch a film in terms of film print, marketing and advertising costs, which is why there are Hollywood films with major stars which never get a theatrical release here. Unless the box office takings are likely to cover the expense of distribution, such films are unlikely to find their way into a cinema near you.

nother difficulty, especially for the arthouse companies, is the lack of suitable screens. Electric Pictures, for example, should have had a nice little earner with the highly praised French film Ridicule, but as Electric's Liz Wrenn says: "There are too many quality pictures fighting for screen space. I had to take Ridicule off good screens while there was still a big demand for it because other films were booked in."

Yet the future may be looking a little brighter for films like Ridicule. The increase in cinema audiences combined with the dramatic growth of multiplexes should create more opportunities for movies big and small.

Preston hopes that by concentrating on new talent, all the "new kids on the block" will grow together. "Obviously as our company develops, the film-makers we're working with will too, and they will start making bigger films. So if we have developed a good relationship, we will probably continue it next time they make a film."



A scene from the modestly budgeted The Near Room, the first film to be distributed by newcomer Metrodome, which has ambitions to be a "micro studio"

# Soaring away

MARY COUGHLAN is one of you might have expected to see lined up alongside Mary Black, Sinead O'Connor and Sharon Shannon as part of the From The Heart festival, a celebration of Irish culture at the Barbican. But while Donal Lunny was kicking off that event in tehe City, Coughlan was way out west at Watermans Arts Centre in Brentford, doing what she does best - her own thing.

After spending most of her recording life with Warner Brothers, Coughlan has now signed to Big Cat, an independent label with eclectic taste. Her new home has given her the space to release two albums, last year's Live In Galway and the new studio LP, After The Fall.

Watermans Arts Centre is a fairly stark place for a jazzy blues singer to perform — and some of the audience sat and chatted around the sides, as though it was just Friday

night in the pub. Coughlan

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attempted to draw everyone in by opening up with the smoki-ly atmospheric Meet Me Where They Play the Blues. Backed by a four-piece band. on guitar, bass, sax and piano. Coughlan got the first big response of the evening when she played a rousing version of Ride On, made famous by Christy Moore.

An undoubted highlight of the set was the powerful. country-stained blues of Magdalen Laundry, which has now been given a darker, eastern feel. The crowd seemed to revel in this, as well as the more straightforward. rockier moments, but Coughlan is at her best when her voice is given the space to soar above the band as it did on the closing cover of Sam Cooke's You Send Me.

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## Saints preserved

HAVING commemorated the 1,400th anniversary of the death of St Columba in his Meditation on Iona in Glasgow only two months ago, James MacMillan has now turned his creative attention to another Scottish saint. Sixteen hundred years after his arrival in Galloway, Ninian has become the patron saint of an epic darinet concerto. Ninian is far more than a

mere test of endurance, however. As John Cushing demonstrated in its first performance with Paul Daniel and the Royal Scottish National Orchestra in the Usher Hall. Edinburgh, its primary motivation is spiritual rather than technical. During its three movements and almost 40minute duration, it covers not only the whole pitch and dynamic range of the solo instrument but also an extraordinary variety of expression, from crude violence to mystic contemplation. The CONCERT

concerto is, in fact, a frankly programmatic examination of three legends associated with St Ninian.

Even so, below the eventful surface — the orchestral bellowing of an angry bull in the opening story of death and resurrection; the wide-ranging clarinet nocturne in a story of a crippled boy restored to health in the middle movement; the prolonged prayer and the hymn tunes in the largely slow-moving finale there is a consistent motivic undercurrent. That is one element which adds a dimension of sustained thought to moments of apparently mindless percussive aggression and naively descriptive colouring. The other is the role of the soloist, who carries an eloquent authority throughout.

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56316-2), but the (mono) recording sounds its age. Leonityne Price was more of a natural Aida than Callas, and in her first recording of the role her voice was at its most resplendent. She was superbly partnered by the finest Radames on disc, Jon Vickers. Alas, the conducting of Sir Georg Solti is often fussy or over-assertive (Decca 417 416-2). Montserrat Caballe's Aida, however, is more exquisitely sung than even Callas's or Price's, conveying the suffering as well as the nobility of the character. Domingo is her

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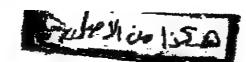
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John Hayes on an issue at the heart of professional relationships - confidentiality

# Can you keep a secret?

eeping secrets is be-coming harder for professional people. The churches have been arguing for clergymen to be exempted from laws which would authorise the bugging of conversations between professionals and those alleged to be involved in crime. Lawyers now have to tell the authorities about clients they suspect of money laundering or drug trafficking.

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This trend is now deepening. From last week, company pension scheme actuaries and auditors have to tell the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority (OPRA) about any breach of the law relating to the pension scheme which they believe is likely to be materially significant to the

way OPRA does its job. What does all this mean? The issue is one that strikes at the heart of professional relationships — confidentiality. The duty to keep confidential information is one that applies by common law to all employees, whether spies or milkmen. The same is true for professional advisers, except where the criminal attempts to involve the professional in committing a crime, or where the public interest demands that the authorities be alerted. Lawyers are exempt, however,

from this latter duty.

Now, the price of silence can be the payment of massive damages when a firm collapses. The people most likely to be insured in that situation will be the professional advisers to the firm. The chance of them being sued is heightened where Parliament has decreed in the public interest that the professionals must report some types of irregularities to the regulator.

In banks and in insurance companies, this duty has mainly been triggered by major problems indicating serious questions about the financial viability of the institution. or reflecting serious doubts about the fitness of the directors or senior managers. The Financial Services Act, and now the Pensions Act, impose a much lower threshold, so that relatively small issues

may have to be reported. All this could degenerate into an atmosphere of cynicism and recrimination. A much more positive approach grand financial institutions or lay bodies, should create a culture where checks on compliance and voluntary confessions of failure become a way

When a member of the senior management course at Henley Management College in 1979, I asked Adrian Cadbury what boards of directors did. He explained that one of their most important roles was to examine projects, in an unvindictive way, to see whether they lived up to their expectations and, if not, why that had not happened. Trustees and employers should learn to adopt a similar role. They should also have pride in spotting and correcting errors well before their professional advisers come on the scene. If they work with those advisers to concentrate on making systems work to reduce, if never eliminate, the possibility of error, then - as long as their regulator is pragmatic and sensible - they should have nothing to fear. I know of at least one regulator who fits

■ John Hayes, a solicitor by training, was appointed chairman of OPRA in April 1996 and took up the appointment on a full-time basis in



The price of silence: few dared to blow the whistle on Robert Maxwell's activities

# Blow the whistle, save a life

THE launch of the pensions regime last week marks a sea change in public attitudes toward whistleblowing. Four years ago, Public Concern at Work had to call on the pro bono services of two OCs to convince the Charity Commission that whistleblowing might ever be for the public

When Public Concern at Work was launched we avoidthe term, because whistleblowers were presented as misguided souls who were crucified for their pains. This portrayal did nothing to reassure our prospective clients - employees with evidence of serious malpractice but uncertain of whether or

where to sound the alarm. The case we made for whistleblowing lay in the official reports into disasters and scandals, such as the Herald of Free Enterprise, the Clapham train crash, BCCl, Piper Alpha and Barlow Clowes. These all found that employees had been aware of the danger of malpractice, but were either too scared to sound the alarm or had done

so ineffectively. Significantly, 90 per cent of report a successful outcome. This has much to do with our policy that, if raised responsibly within the organisation. concerns about malpractice will be addressed properly by those in charge. In exceptional circumstances, however, we have had no option but to help the client to alert the authorities. Two recent examples led to a four-year prison sentence for the owner of an old

people's home who had sexu-

ally assaulted his residents, and the conviction of two managers for a £1 million

While this approach recog-nises the importance of confidentiality in the workplace, we apply established legal principles to ensure it is not abused by those out to flout the law. This approach builds on the legal principle of notice: that people can be expected to account for their actions once told of a problem.

The most salutary illustration of this principle was the first conviction in the UK for corporate manslaughter, following the Lyme Bay canoeing disaster. Months before the disaster an instructor wrote to the managing director warning that lives were in danger. Unable to explain his failure

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#### Gun law

associates.

LIFE IS becoming precarious for judges and lawyers in Albania. Perparim Kalo, an Albanian lawyer based in Tirana, says that the escape of 1,000 prisoners, combined with the proliferation of guns on the streets, has "made life insecure, particularly for those lawyers and judges who were involved in the criminals' original trials". As a result of the potential threat to the lawyers' lives, the courts have been closed. Foreign work has also dried up. Mr Kalo says: Many clients have simply cancelled their projects here and have left the country."

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# Ringing

changes

TONY GIRLING, the President of the Law Society, has delivered on at least one of the promises he made on his election last summer. As soon as Mr Girling was safely installed, he promised to take urgent steps to improve the society's inquiry-handling process after complaining that many find that they cannot even get through to the switchboard.

Now, eight months into his term, it appears he has at least

along the banks of the Nile

is how Kenneth Rokison,

QC, chose to celebrate his

60th birthday recently. The

six-day trip was in aid of

Mencap, who also

The 507-kilometre ride,

which started on March 22

in 30C heat and ended 4½ days later, involved more

"It was very hard on the

bum," Mr Rokison said,

organised it.

than 150 cyclists.

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got to grips with the switch-board problem. An Inns and

Chancery Lane switchboard answered by helpful staff in four seconds. Gay law IS LITIGATION the best way

A SPONSORED cycle ride "but we were a group of very

to advance gay rights? The topic will head the agenda at a one-day conference on lesbian and gay law reform to be held

Saddle-sore on the banks of the Nile

Mr Rokison, head of

chambers at 20 Essex Street,

was joined by Judge (Tony) Hallgarten, former head of

the same chambers, who sits

in the Inner London Com-

mercial Court, and Carol

Thatcher, daughter of Bar-

Mr Rokison raised £12,500 in sponsorship

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at the University of London Union, Malet Street, on April Ours survey last week found a Martin Bowley, QC, the former Bar Council treasurer. series of calls to the main

is one of the organisers of the event, which is being held by the Bar Lesbian and Gay Group and Lesbian and Gay Lawyers' Association.
"The conference will be

aiming to identify an agenda for lesbian and gay law reform in the new Parliament," he says. Workshops will cover

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# A fair election: how the law protects us

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n 1891. Mr Justice Hawkins pronounced that "one cannot look too hardly and weigh in golden scales the acts of men hot in their political excitement". But the law does try to regulate the conduct of elections. As the campaign warms up, candidates and voters may welcome a guide to some important

principles of election law. Candidates accused of spending insufficient time with their families, or too much time with their bank accounts, should note that the law seeks to prevent unreasonable intrusion into their private lives. The Representation of the People Act 1983 makes it unlawful to publish any false statement of fact in relation to the candidate's personal character or conduct" for the purpose of influencing electoral prospects, unless there are reasonable grounds for believing the statement to be true.

During previous election campaigns, courts have had to consider when allegations of

impropriety have been "personal" in nature. In 1895, the Court of Appeal granted an injunction to the Liberal candidate in the parlia-mentary election in Chesterfield to stop his Conservative opponent from distributing a leastet accusing him of being a cruel hypocrite who starved his employees. Courts have held that to say that a candidate would not pay his hosel bills or debts" concerns "personal character or conduct", but it is not "personal" to call a candidate a "communist" or a "radical traitor".

The law does its best to ensure that people vote according to their own assessment of the merits of the rival candidates. It is a corrupt practice (for which an offender may be

prosecuted and, if convicted, imprisoned) to threaten or inflict "any temporal or spiritual injury" on people to induce them to vote for or against a candidate, or to punish them for doing so.

As to temporal injuries, courts have held that it is unlawful to dismiss for to threaten to dismiss) employees or tenants because of their voting intentions. In 1857, the headmaster of a grammar school, the Rev E.L. Barnwell, was accused of a corrupt practice by threatening the local baker that unless he voted for Mr Barnwell's preferred candidate in the election in Denbigh. Mr Barnwell would take away his custom and that of the church charity (which gave 60 loaves a week to the poor). The baker stood firm ("He answered that he had several persons to please besides Mr Barnwell'].

The court accepted Mr Barnwell's denial that he had made such threats. But the judge made clear that the allegations, if substantiated, would have established a breach of the law. There are limits to this principle: In 1910, stop using a person to look after your puppies on account of that person's political views.

As to spiritual injuries, ministers of religion may lawfully address their flock on the merits, and defects, of the rival parties and candidates. But they must not suggest that divine rewards or punishments will follow according to the vote that is cast. In the Galway Town Election Petition Case in 1869. Mr Justice Keogh referred to the charge ("and a more fearful charge I know not of") that a bishop had "refused the most solemn rites of the Church to persons on account of their voting or not voting in a particular way". The judge said that, if proved, such an allegation would make the election null and void, as would any "play upon the superstitious feelings of the people". Happily, no wrongdoing was there established. The courts have had to consider how

candidates describe themselves. In 1899, Mr Justice Wright declared that if the nomination paper is "a mere abuse of the right of nomination or an obvious unreality", for example "if it purported to nominate a deceased sovereign", then it ought

to be rejected. In the 1983 general election, a Mr. Hanoman changed his name by deed poll to Margaret Thatcher, and sought nomination in the then Prime Minister's constituency under that name, for the "Conservationist Party", giving his address as Downing Street Mansions. The returning officer wisely rejected the nomination paper.

In R v Bennett ex parte Mr Margaret Thatcher, the Court of Appeal refused an application by Mr Thatcher for judicial review because the application was an abuse of

process as he had the "unlawful object of confusing the people and making the electoral process a farce". But the court declined to decide whether the returning officer had power to act as he did.

n 1994, the Divisional Court held that the returning officer for a European parliamentary election had lawfully concluded that the nomination paper of a candidate describing himself as a "Literal Democrat" was valid, even if it was calculated to mislead voters who intended to vote for the Liberal Democrat candidate.

Five years ago, Mr Justice Macpherson rejected a claim by a disgruntled voter who sought an injunction to stop the general election because he could vote only for "vested interest political parties seeking their own ends". Election law has its limits.

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cai evidence lo support us. in February, therefore, we asked NOP to carry out the same sort of survey of chief in-house lawyers as Galkip conducted in 1994. The results are now available. By a substantial margin, these lawyers say they prefer Chambers. When ted which directory they were mest aware of, 50%, unprempted, first mentioned Chambers compared with 21% mentioning Legal 500. This question gave the best response for our directory, but all the quasies produced forwards

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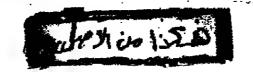
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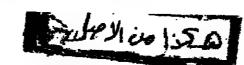


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tackle corruption

ribery and kickbacks are once more in the news. As Michael Allcock, the Inland Revenue investigator convicted of accepting bribes gets five years, allegations of corruption at Volks-wagen's Czech subsidiary, Skoda,

At an international level, governments — with one notable exception — have, in recent years, been ambivalent when addressing the issue of corrupt payments in international trade. Now, though, attitudes seem to be changing.

At a ministerial meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in May 1996, ministers agreed to criminalise bribery of foreign public officials "... in an effective and co-ordinated manner in order to combat bribery in international business transactions

.... This agreement is in marked contrast to events in 1994, when an OECD working party on illicit pay-ments was unable to agree a joint strategy for the elimination of corruption in international trade. Transparency International, formed in 1993 to campaign for a code of business ethics to rid the world of bribery, was of the view that Britain and Japan were the least supportive of the 1994 OECD initiative.

At present, the United States is the only country to have outlawed the payment of bribes to foreign officials.
The US Foreign Corrupt Practices Act 1977 prohibits the making of payments to foreign government officials so as to obtain or retain business. The American position represents one end of a broad spectrum; at the other, bribes are a tax-deductible expense. Not surprisingly, the Americans are furious. In July last year, Mickey Kantor, the US Commerce Secretary, gave several examples of unnamed European companies allegedly beating American companies in bids by paying bribes. The US will no doubt tirelessly campaign for action in this area and we are likely to see the World Trade Organisation develop as the forum for debate. Indeed, the ministerial confer-December last year adopted a declara-- - de tion to establish a working group to - conduct a study on transparency in government procurement practices.

Turning to the position at home, the Prevention of Corruption Act 1966 is one of a few UK statutes dealing with



Michael Allcock: the convicted Inland Revenue investigator

bribery. It provides that if any agent accepts any gift or consideration as an inducement for doing or forbearing to do an act in relation to his principal's affairs, he is guilty of an offence. The

donor, too, will be guilty of an offence. In civil law (as opposed to statute law), a bribe exists if a gift is made by a donor to an agent (or employee) or a third party (without their knowledge or consent), with a view to inducing the agent to act in favour of the donor in relation to transactions between the donor and the third party.

The ease with which bribery can occur at the most basic level of trade the options available to ar.

of example. Mr Greenback is a sales manager at Blindeye Limited, a widget manufacturer. He slips Mr Gullible, the purchasing manager at Straight & Narrow Limited, El.000 to ensure the placing of an order. When Straight & Narrow finds out, it is horrified. What

innocent party on discovery of the bribery, can best be illustrated by way

First, it could sack Mr Gullible. Secondly, it could rescind the contract. But if Straight & Narrow's customers are desperate for widgets, this may not be a good idea. Straight & Narrow could pursue Mr Gullible for recovery of the amount of the bribe and, if it elects to affirm the transaction, Blindeye as well (although it could not

make a double recovery).

If Straight & Narrow has suffered a loss by entering into the transaction (by paying over the odds for the widgets), it can also claim damages in fraud. from both Mr Gullible and Blindeye. However, it must elect one or other of its claims before judgment (the higher of the two being the most likely candidate).

Whether Blindeye would be saddled with the actions of its employees is a difficult area but, put simply, if a court thinks it just for the employer to bear the loss (perhaps because they turned a blind eye to Mr Greenback's sales techniques), they will be held liable.

Life could get tougher for Blindeye (and Mr Greenback) if Mr Gullible was employed by a public body which felt compelled to report the matter to the authorities. The Prevention of Corruption Act 1916 provides that in proceedings brought under the 1906 Act (and the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889), if it is proved that money was paid to a person employed by a government department or public body by a person trying to win business, the payment shall be deemed to have been paid corruptly, unless the contrary is proved.

ompanies who, because of the actions of wayward employees, find themselves embroiled in a bribery scandal involving a public body, (as opposed to a commercial entity), are likely to experience greater difficulty in extracting themselves from the mess. Bearing in mind the actions of most public hodies are subject to public scrutiny, negotiating a way out will require considerable skill and agility.

Returning to the international arena, as the major trading countries begin discussing and (perhaps) implementing legislation to outlaw the payment of bribes to foreign officials, it may become commonplace for an unsuccessful (and aggrieved) bidder on a big international contract to press their sovernment department to pressure the successful bidder's government to investigate the bid. At this point political expediency becomes a factor, (witness the Pergau Dam affair), and it is therefore difficult to predict the willingness of governments to act in these circumstances. However, governments are now more willing to address bribery at an international level and the business community would be well advised to keep a close eye on developments, not to mention their own internal codes of conduct.

The author is a partner in Llewelyn Zietman, a City law firm.

How British lawyers are helping the Balkan state

## Albania has not been **ignored**

nternational agencies have not given up on Albania. For example, there is still a plan at the Overseas Development Agency and the Know-How Fund to bring a group of officials to the UK to observe our elections. At the European Training Foundation (an EC agency based in Turin), Albanians could yet take part in a conference, scheduled for later this year, on the role of paralegals in economic reform.

According to Marco Nicolini, of Claes & Tonucci, the Italo-Belgian joint law firm which has an office in Tirana, the situation has improved considerably in the past week and its Albanian staff in the capital are almost back to normal working.

Claes & Tonucci has been active in Albania for some time on behalf of the European Union and a number of inward investors. Its office is staffed by a mixture of Italian and American lawyers together with locally recruited assistants. Although the disturbances had put fresh business on hold, Marco Nicolini felt that the new government could make

a big difference. There will be renewed pressure on the Government to attract inward investment once stability fully returns," he says. "So while many developments are temporar-ily at a standstill (and no one doubts the dangers), there is still a lot of interest in getting on with the legal reforms which must lie at the foundation of economic progress."

Part of this stems from the fact that Albania's neighbour Montenegro is proving to be pretty successful at attracting economic investment. Mark Harisson, a partner at Evershed, has extensive experience of the



Balkan region and gives Montenegro a "gold star" as an object for new investment. He is active on behalf of a number of clients who are putting money mainly into tourism. Along with Macedonia, Mr Harisson sees Montenegro as being one of the most attractive places in Central Europe for investment. The geographical links with Italy and Greece give these countries excellent prospects and they have the necessary legal infrastructure." he says.

The difficulty with Al-bania was that a proper legal infrastructure was never satisfactorily established after the fall of the Marxist regime. There had been no legal training for 20 years and it was slow to get started on reform despite the efforts, for example, of the newly established British Albania Law Association (BALA). As one British lawyer active in the area says: 'Government ministers would introduce laws and then tell no one about them including other minis-

One of the biggest holes in the hastily thrown together legal code was any reference to pyramid selling. Martin Day, formerly with Linklaters & Paine and now with MW Cornish & Co, is trying to do something about that. As an expert on the Balkans and vice-chairman of the British Yugoslav Law Association, Mr Day has been in contact with the Central Bank in Tirana to discuss appropriate legislation. He has also opened up discussions with the British Know-How Fund about possible funding for such a project.

The essence of Mr Day's proposals is that an adapted version of something like the UK's Fair Trading Act could put an end to the kind of scheme that has destroyed social order in Albania.

Another firm which has been advising on the relevance of UK law to Albania is Edwards Geldart, based in Cardiff. Through its links with the Belgian end of the Claes & Tonucci venture, Mr Geldart has been providing insights on how UK legislation might feed into the new Albanian system.

The most recent direct contact the firm has had was in mid-February when a party of Albanian lawyers was in London for meetings with civil servants just as the first riots broke out. They also paid a visit to the Houses of Parliament as the sleaze stories began.

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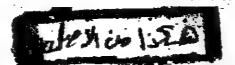
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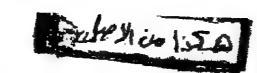
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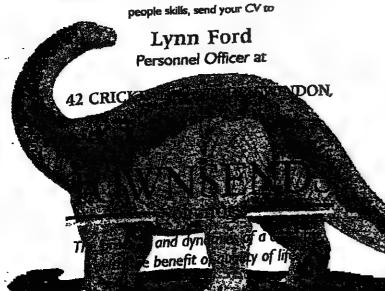
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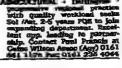
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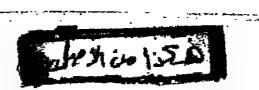
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EQUESTRIANISM: BUNN SEEKS IMMEDIATE INJECTION OF FUNDS TO STAVE OFF THREAT OF CLOSURE

# Hickstead faces uncertain future

By Jenny MacArthur

DOUGLAS BUNN, who last week announced the cancellation of the Hickstead Nations' Cup meeting because of a lack of funds, confirmed yesterday that the Royal International Horse Show, due to take place in mid-July, and the British Jumping Derby, scheduled for August, are unlikely to be run at Hickstead this year unless a sponsor can be found in "the next few weeks"

Bunn, 69, who founded the famous Sussex showground in 1960 in order to promote British showjumping, had hoped for a £400,000 "life raft" from the Sports Council to help to compensate for the loss of Silk Cut, his main sponsor, which pulled out unexpectedly in December. The money was not forthcoming and Bunn had "no option" but to cancel the Nations' Cup, which was due to take place between May 29 and June I, to give the British Show Jumping Association time to reallocate the event. It will now take place at the Royal Windsor Horse Show in May.
If the remaining two inter-

national meetings are cancelled, the showground - the home of British showjumping and the training ground for future international riders will close for the year. All the scheduled events, including the popular national schools championships in August, would be cancelled. The grounds and picturesque main arena — which was being dutifully mown yesterday - would be kept "ticking over" with the help of Silk Cut's £200,000 severance pay and the £50,000 gained from not having to pay rates.

Hickstead's troubles began in 1990, when the state of Dubai, a leading sponsor, pulled out because of the Gulf War. Two years later, a £1 million grant from the Sports

Foundation was almost swallowed up when the Inland Revenue took £400,000 and £200,000 had to be spent on improving the stands and grounds after the Hills-borough disaster, Last December came the "bombshell", when Silk Cut, which had been contracted until 2001, switched its sponsorship to Formula One.

Bunn, who has consistently funded Hickstead from his own pocket - recently to the tune of £200,000 a year - said that he was doubtful about this year's events, but was "optimistic" about the longterm future. "It's not megabucks we need and any sponsor coming in now on a three-year contract would get a cut-price deal." The international meetings, which are televised, cost around El million each to stage (including the prize-money). Revenue from stabling and entry fees, trade stands, hospitality boxes and the gate account for nearly half of this figure.

Since 1960, when the entrepreneurial Bunn founded the showground with the help of W. D. & H. O. Wills, Hickstead has become a leading international venue. It has hosted world and European championships, the Nations' Cup (since 1971) and, from 1992, the Royal International Horse Show, which includes two of the sport's most coveted prizes - the King George V Gold Cup and the Queen Elizabeth II Cup.

David Broome, the chair-man of the British Show Jumping Association, who won his third European title at Hickstead in 1969, said yester-We've had some wonderful times at Hickstead and there have been some areas competitions there - it would be a shame to lose an arena of such a high standard."



Bunn may have to close Hickstead this summer if a sponsor is not forthcoming. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

CRICKET: HEASLEY'S DISMISSAL PAVES WAY FOR KENYA TO WIN TENSE SEMI-FINAL

# Ireland fall short of final target

CORRESPONDENT

IN KUALA LUMPUK KENYA secured a place in the

final of the ICC Trophy - and with it entry to the 1999 World Cup — when they defeated Ireland by seven runs here yesterday. Ireland knew they would

have to produce their best batting of the tournament to overhaul Kenya's 215 for eight when the first semi-final resumed at the Kilat club. Narasimha Rao, the former

India Test player who is now the Ireland batting coach, believed his side could mount a serious challenge if they saw off the opening spell of Martin

Suji and kept wickets in hand for a final assault. The first objective was achieved when the outstanding bowler of the tournament was removed from the attack with figures of nought for 18 from six overs.

However, Ireland then handed back the advantage with a number of poor strokes and decisions that presented Kenya with the three or four wickets that ultimately proved the difference between glory and a place in the third-place play-off on Thursday.

Patterson, Dunlop and Benson, the captain, all got themselves out attempting to push the pace against Asif Karim, but the telling moment was a mix-up between Benson

and Doak that led to the latter being run out.

Without Doak's ability to mastermind the run-chase, Ireland had to look elsewhere for inspiration and found it from the unlikely source of Heasley, the all-rounder. Heasley, who has missed much of the past two weeks after showing indifferent form in warm-up matches, hit four sixes and a couple of fours in his 5), scored off 47 balls.

Maurice Odumbe, the Ke-nya captain, admitted afterwards he thought the game was lost if Heasley had stayed, but he was dismissed when he hit the ball firmly into his boot, from where it rebounded back on to the stumps. At 178

Ireland did not have the resources to score the remaining runs off three overs and. despite two pulls by Gillespie in the last over that landed feet inside the ropes, victory was

just beyond them. Mike Hendrick, the Ireland coach, said: "We were two boundaries away from winning and I can't criticise the commitment of the players. They will have learnt a lot from that."

Kenya will now meet the winners of the second semifinal between Bangladesh and Scotland today. The losers of that game know that it will be difficult to deny Ireland third

# Britons show no ill-effects from ten years away

An America's Cup challenge could be on the cards, Marcus Hutchinson reports

THE crew representing the Royal Dorset Yacht Club's challenge for the America's Cup in 2000 demonstrated talent and ability, coupled with aggressive starting by the skip-per. Chris Law, to finish in second place in the Road To America's Cup regatta, which finished here at the weekend.

Law's defeat of syndicates representing New York, San Francisco and France Pacific Yacht Clubs in the opening two round-robin series suggests that an absence of more than ten years from this level of competition has not harmed the top British

Quite simply, the British crew's maneouvering and sail-handling were a class above the other challengers, Their prize for winning the challenger section was the chance to race Team New Zealand (TN2), the Cup-holders, in a best-of-seven series sailed in two TNZ 1992-vintage "Identical twin" training boats.

The New Zealanders are unquestionably the most experienced group of America's Cup sailors today, but this did not intimidate Law's crew one bit. In their first match, Law had Russell Courts, the world No I match-racer, running for cover in the pre-start. Counts eventually crossed the line more than a length behind the British hoat

The tacking duel that followed saw Law take the righthand side, but the patchy winds close to the shore favoured Coutts and the first crossing went to him. Approaching the top of the course, Law saw an opportunity to get back in control and slipped his boat around a length ahead of his rival.

The race then slowed down

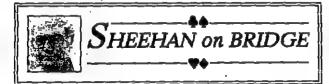
on the run as TNZ sat firmly on top of the challengers and eventually rolled them. The winning margin was 20sec, but the British had served notice of their intent. In the second contest, the crews started evenly. Law was

ahead up the beat, but round-

ed just behind Coutts. A bad

a challenge make. Chris Witty, the head of the

his group have a lot of work to do to raise the money required to take the British challenge to the next stage the design and build of the boats. Yet they can be encour-aged that their efforts would surely be richly rewarded on the water in the long run.



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent This hand is from the Hubert Phillips, the National mixed teams o competition. I was South, playing with Sally Brock.

**VA10432** 

Dealer North

Total points scoring Love all

from dummy and discard a losing club, West ruffs. He

exits with a heart, and I make

only two more tricks, for two

If you know this type of

position, you will recognise

that West has become 'trump-

bound'. Instead of playing a diamond I ruffed a heart, and

then exited with a club. West

had to ruff one of the next two

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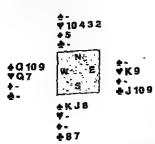
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by South. Lead: king of clubs If I play a winning diamond Sally opened One Heart, East

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overcalled Two Clubs, I bid Two Spades, and thereafter we managed to hoist ourselves into Four Spades. West doubled and led the king of clubs. I took the ace of clubs, played a diamond to the seven and nine, and East returned a high club. I ruffed in dummy, and played ace and another diamond, ruffing in my hand. When all followed to the ace of spades, it seemed probable that West had five spades and two clubs. So West was marked with a 5-3-2 shape.

I played a winning diamond from dummy, discarding a heart. West ruffed and returned a heart. I won with the ace, leaving this position, with the lead in dummy:



Olympiad will be held at the Royal Festival Hall, London. 18-24 August 1997. There are over 30 different events: card games include Bridge and Gin Rumny; among the board games are Backgammon, three types of Chess. Go and Scrabble. Enquiries: David Levy, telephone 0171 485 9146.

performance.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Black: Anatoly Karpov BY RAYMOND KEENE CHRSS CORRESPONDENT Dos Hermanos, April 1997 Nimzo-Indian Defence World championship

3 Nc3

Having denied reports that he plans to play a world championship match against Anatoly Karpov in Paris later this year. Garry Kasparov has now announced that there will be an "official world championship" to be held in Linares. Spain, next year. Breaking the tradition of a 20-game or 24game match between the world's top two, this is planned as a four-player tournament in which each competitor meets the opposition four times. The invited players are to be Kasparov himself, Anand, Kramnik and Topalov.

Kasparov's projected format is modelled on the 1948 match tournament which resolved the world title after Alexander Alekhine had died as champion. Nevertheless, the omission of Anatoly Karpov from the prospective list of invitees is bound to create controversy. Fide, the world federation. intends to hold its own world championship as a 100-player knockout in Kalmykia to-wards the end of the year.

Dos Hermanos

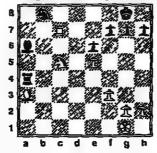
A powerful tournament is underway in Dos Hermanos in Spain. It includes most of the world's top players, with the exception of Kasparov and Ivanchuk

Anatoly Karpov, the Fide champion, suffered a serious setback when he lost the following game to Vladimir Kramnik. Having developed his pieces. Karpov then systematically retreated all of them to his own back rank and resigned when tactical threats of a back rank checkmate would have gained Kramnik an extra piece. White: Vladimir Kramnik

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a3 Cre3 Bxc3 b4 Bb2 9b7 d8 e3 d4 Nbd? Be2 aub4 Ndf6 15 0-0 16 bS Qd7 Nd7 Act Net 21 Oxe4 22 13 23 8d1 24 Nd3 Rva4 Nel6 Re2 NIB Ra8 NID8 ę4 c5 dxc5 85 Be4 Ba3 Ne4 Pxc7 34 Fbc7 35 Nc5

Black resigns Diagram of final position



SCORES AFTER FIVE ROUNDS: Juditiv Polgar, Anand, kvamnuk 31v, Gelfend 3; karpov, Topalov, Salov 21v, Shirov, Short 11v; Illescas 1 (four rounds remain). □ Raymond Keene writes on chess

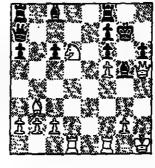
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Heinemann -Richtmann, Bad Worishofen 1997. The black kingside is badly broken up and his queenside remains undeveloped. How did White exploit these factors to score a quick win?



BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaul-se 4 Toronto 2: Chicago White Sox 5 Detrot 3; Kanses Cdy 12 Mirmesota 2; Testas 9 Beltimora 3; Caldand 3 New York Yarkson 0; Seattle 5 Boston 7 (in 10 snns); Cirveland 10 Asabherra 8

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CRICKET Fourth Test match

West Indies v India ST JOHN'S ANTIGUA (West Indies wo WEST INDIES: First Innings L Campbell run out C Wilkerns c Tendulker b Kutuvilla Chanderpeut s Leaman b Kumble 

Total (3 wids) 62
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Sharjah Cup

Pakistan v Sri Lanka SHARJAH (Sn Lanka won toss): Sri Lanka beat Pakistan by 51 runs SRI LANKA

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19 S Kaluwaharana Ibw b Waqar ...
M S Atapattu Ibw b Waqar ...
M S Atapattu Ibw b Waqar ...
A Ranatunga c Wasan b Salim ....
R S Mahanama c Mon b Shahid ...
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KUALA LUMPUR (Ireland won loss) Kenya best Iraland by seven runk **FOOTBALL** Sunday's late results TTALIAN LEAGUE: AC Milan 1 Junerius 6. SPANSH LEAGUE: Deportivo La Coruña 1 Real Zaragoza 0 GLOBAL CHALLENGE LATEST POSITIONS

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brought the British boat to the finish with a lead of 10sec. Day two of the final series dawned bright and fresh, with 20 knots of breeze more than the British had sailed in to date, but not more than they could handle. However, despite dogged persis-

spinnaker set by TNZ resulted in a torn sail and the well-

poised Britons went through

to round the next mark 18sec

ahead. Two legs later. Law

tence and active pre-starts, the dominance of the New Zealanders in the fresher breeze was telling. The Royal Dorset crew lost the next three races by 50sec. 14sec and 15sec respectively.

To have got that far was proof, if ever it was needed. that British sailors are more



Law: aggressive start

than capable of beating the best, given an equal chance, but winning a friendly series and performing well against the future defenders does not

Royal Dorset syndicate, and

Marcus Hutchinson is a yacht designer, writer and

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FALL OF WICKETS, 1-25, 2-52, 3-54, 4-58, 5-128, 8-146, 7-170, 8-178, 9-189 BOWLING M Suit 9-1-33-2, S Tikolo 9-1-52-1; Odoyo 10-3-41-1; A Suit 2-0-12-0; Narm 10-2-26-4 Odumba 10-0-30-0 Umpires, N Plews and D Hair Man of the match M Q Odumba

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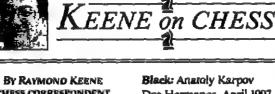
By Philip Howard

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MOOLVEE a. A scholar b. The Persian mulberry c. A character in Kim LATHEE a. A cudgel b. An elephant rider c. Spiced yoghurt

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# Dobbin joins thoroughbreds

By JULIAN MUSCAT

SO VILE was Tony Dobbin's first taste of life in a racing yard that he spat it out in disgust. To be a jockey was his childhood dream, but after three days at Neville Callaghan's Newmarket stable he packed his bags as best a 15year-old can and returned home to Northern Ireland. Yesterday, nine years later, he won the Martell Grand National and said: "I'll bet Callaghan won't even remember I was with him."

The owners of One Man and Unguided Missile - bigrace winners this season would like to forget him too. They had unceremoniously "jocked off" Dobbin; now he was riding roughshod over their collective wisdom, savouring his Grand National triumph as though to the winner's enclosure born. "That was my second ride in

AINTREE'S FENCES,

Don't Light Up fell 13th

FALLERS AND FINISHERS

Bishops Hall pulled up 29th Go Ballistic pulled up

the race," he said. "It is the best moment of my life -- up to now. I hope to ride a few yet. I'm young enough."

That last detail is almost certainly what has kept Dobbin's dream intact. His only time free of turbulence came in the 1993-94 season, which he ended as champion conditional (apprentice) rider and stable jockey to Gordon Richards's powerful yard. In November that year his route to the top looked assured when he won the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup on One Man. Then his world fell apart for the second time. Only youth's brashness has allowed him to

rebuild it. After One Man's fall at Kempton the horse's owner, John Hales, demanded a change. Soon to follow was David Harrison, the owner of Unguided Missile, and Dobbin was replaced by Richard Dunwoody on the two best



horses in his stable. Rumours of his imminent departure from the Richards stable were rife, particularly when Robert Ogden, one of Richards's prin-cipal owners, employed his own jockey in Paul Carberry.

Imagine Dobbin's thoughts, then, when he rode for much of the National alongside his nemesis. Dunwoody, riding Smith's Band, who departed. fatally, at the twentieth fence. Whatever they were, he kept them to himself. "On the way round I said nothing to

Lo Stregone pulled up 27th Feathered Gale pulled up Dexts Dove pulled up

said. "As far as I'm concerned all that is in the past. There was enough press about it at the time and I have just won the National." In racing, however, the pen-

dulum usually swings both ways, Dobbin's tribulations directly contributed to him climbing aboard Lord Gyllene yesterday. Richards yesterday saddled Buckboard Bounce. ridden, through contractual obligations by Carberry, into fourth place. But for Carberry's presence. Dobbin would have been required for that horse. Instead he came of

As Dobbin orchestrated the celebrations, Richards, clearly knowing his jockey, quietly reflected on his breakthrough. "It has not been an easy time. He has had to learn how to read a race but he is a cocksure lad with plenty of confidence," said the trainer,

Black Ser full 7th

Wylde Hills respected rider 22nd

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18 Turning Trix 14 Pink Gin

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15 New Co

8 Dakyns Boy

11 Antonin

12 Northern Hide

ner with jockeys is legendary. "I'll have to hammer him down after this. He might even start calling me Gordon."

Doubtless remembering Richards's abhorrence of jockeys looking over their shoulder from the saddle, Dobbin had eyes only for the fences ahead. "I didn't look back until halfway up the run-in." he said. Perhaps it was just as well. In a neat vignette of his career, he had not just Dunwoody but the cream of the weighing room angling for his scalp. At various stages Jamie Osborne (Suny Bay). Norman Williamson (Master Oats) and Charlie Swan (Wylde Hide) all had their shot at him. None could conjure the freewheeling exuberance of Lord Gyllene from their tiring mounts.

A Catholic from Downpatrick, in Co Down, Dobbin was embarrassed by his roots in the wake of the bomb scare on Saturday. "It makes you ashamed to say you are from there," he said. He was more proud of the joy victory brought to Vicki, his girlfriend of eight years, who, he says, has helped him through thick and thin.

In the aftermath of the National, his attention required in countless places simultaneously, Dobbin even had the presence of mind to request leave from his duties at Richards's stable this morning. Richards looked him sternly in the eye, as is his wont, and sald nothing. Suddenly, a broad smile creased his lips and Dobbin was off, skipping through the crowds as though aware all along of his destiny. The man had finally arrived.

☐ Joe Tizzard, at 17 the younest rider in this year's Grand National, failed to complete the course. His mount, Straight Talk, fell at the fourteenth fence and had to be put



Dobbin completes a famous Martell Grand National victory on Lord Gyllene

## WOLVERHAMPTON

Cuttle Abbiey unseated rider 15th

2.16 Mon Bruce, 2.45 Premier Generation, 3.15 Dayrelle, 3.45 Opera Buff, 4.15 Sage, 4.45 Featherstone Lane.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.15 MON SRUCE.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 2.75 JARVIS MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES

3-Y-0: £2,277: 6f) (10 runners) IC (1) DOO THEN 9-4 Man Bruce, 5-1 Gussus Gelore, 8-1 Recksmundfredock, Dan't Warry Mile, 7-1 Bernell Boy, Haver Golf Chapter, K S Sunsides, 8-1 others.

2.45 PHOERIX LIMITED STAKES (£2,277; 1m 100yd) (13)

(11) 0210 BARBARA'S JEWÉL 1 (C.0) A Balley 5-9-9. 8 Sandem 92 (9) 5314 BIYA 26 (D.BF.G) D McCain 5-9-9. V. Stensey 80 (2) D-15 SOUJARE DELAT (JF.D.G) 5 Bourring F-8-9. 5 Michael 96 (0) U/O- ATH CHEANNAINE BJ (V.F.) J He-die 5-9-7. 8 Drumene - (13) 2380 DRAGORJOY 10 (B.CD.G) N Literaden 4-9-7. R Lappin 80 (0) 035 PREMER (GENERATION 1030) D Arbothowi 4-9-7. (3) 220- SHAFFISHAYES 128 (D.F.G) Mis M Renday 5-9-7 13 (7) 5-38 BABY JANE 15 (87) R Guel 3-6-3 ...... A McGrone 96 4-1 Shaff-shayes, 5-1 Barbara's Jenet, 6-1 Season Ded, 7-1 Quante Consul, 6-1 Process Fisco 10-4 Process Consulting Barby Jone, 12-1 others.

3.15 STARBUCK HANDICAP (3-Y-0 fillies: £3,391: 7f) (7)

1, LORD GYLLENE . .... A Dobbin, 14-1

Buckboard Bounce .. P Carberry, 40-1

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ALSO RAN: 7 fav Go Ballistic (pul, 11
Wylde Hide (ur), 12 Avro Anson (8th).
Smith's Band (I), 14 Antonn, Lo Strepone
(pul), Nehthren Lad, 16 Fediriered Gale toxi,
General Wolle, 25 Master Cots; [8th).
Turning Trix. 33 Dextra Dove (pul), Evangelca, Ful; Cil Cets (I), (Rigeshin, 40 New
Co, 50 Bishops Hall (pul), Gennot (ur), Fliver
Mendete (pul), Straight Tells (I), Valiant
Wenter, 66 Cettic Abbey (ur), Northern
Hide, 100 Back Bar (I), Dalyris Boy, Don't
Light Up (I), Grange Barke (I), Mugon
Basch (pul), Nuralte (I), Prix Gin, Scribbler
(pul, Springton (ur), 36 ran, NR Betmont
King, Master Boston, Plastic Spaceage,
Over The Street Last, 2, 194, 141, 81. Seroolselsew at Strewsbury, Tote: 213-20;
23.40 23.60, 224-10, 283 D DF 248-40
CSF: 237-64 Tric 230,732.80 (part won,
Pool of 26,716,17 carried forward to 3-30 at
Nottingham today) Tricast 29,503.36

Going: good to firm
2.00 (2m 110yd hole) 1. JESSOLLE (R
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3.00 (2m 1

2.30 (3m if ch) 1, GALLANTS DELIGHT (Mr A Robson, 9-2); 2, Emsign Ewart (Mr C Storey, 9-4 tay); 3, Pannine View (Mr R Ford, ID-1) ALSD RAN, 5 Learnes Man (f), 11-2 Lethran Commodore (5th), 9 Lindon Run (f), 10 Cool Yule (4th), 16 Canister

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Kelso

Going: good to firm

(6) 15-0 TRADENG ACES 12 (G) M Bell 9-7 ... R Multon (S) 67 (1) 334 FAYM 55 J Whomon 9-9 ... Doing 69 (7) 6-41 TAYONUELIN 7 (2.6) H Blombon 9-1 (Ser) ... C Rotter 69 (2) 000- DAYRELLA 173 W Mort 8-10 ... Daine O'Neil 90 (4) 430- JANGLYRINE 210 S Woods 8-8 ... A Cleart 97 (8) 2005 PATINA 7 (SIP R Hollenbed 8-6 ... F Lynch (S) 92 (J) 3530 OUNALTAR SILVER 81 Bentoniey 8-2 ... L Charmock 66 11-4 Tayondho, 4-1 Tradiog Aces, 9-2 Jacobytevo, 5-1 Casilder Silver, 6-5 Fayth, 7-1 Paless, 8-1 Countils

BUNKERED FIRST TIME: Nottingham: 2 00 Bentnose. 3 30 Chadwell Hall. Wolverhampton: 2 45 Ath Cheannaithe. 4.15

3.45 TONGAREVA HANDICAP (\$5,210: 1m 4f) (10) (1) 900/ DOTTER CHEF 49J (D.F.R.S.) J Novike 8-10-0 S Drowen (5) 3-10 OPERA BUTT 19 (CO.EF.F.R.S.) Man G Kalamay 8-9-10

Lord Gyllen

& Avro Anson

2 Suny Bay 3 Camelot Knight

4,15 FLI SELLING STAKES (2-Y-0; £2,277: 50) (7) SAGE W G M Turner 8-11....

8 THE HOSISY LOGERY ON A COMMON 6-11. PROF. EXOMY
20 WHO MODES (8) B Macham B-11. Tobrist
0 WILFIED SHERMAN 8 J Berry 8-11. T Durcan (8)
5 JACK-H-MLY 13 J Moore 8-6 M Henry (2)
30 PPM TRUCKET B P Sense 8-6 J F Egan
ROSEWOOD LADY K Burin 8-8 J A Camero 9-4 Who Hose, 5-2 Plak Ticket, 5-7 Jack-N-Jüly, 7-1 The Hobby Lobby, 8-1 Willand Sherman, 10-1 Saga, Rosserood Lady.

4.45 JOHNSTON HANDICAP (\$2,277: 5f) (13) 1 (12) 2223 AFAAN 7 R Marvin 4-10-0 T 0 McLaughin 91
2 (13) 9-03 EPFCAM' 10 (C.5) A brit's 5-9-12 C 0 Nories (7) 98
3 (9) 00-1 SIAK COTTAGE 10 (C.0.6) R Mishare 3-9-8 D McComm 95
4 (7) 9520 ALIAZ 15 (CD,F.6) Miss 6 Kellomay 7-9-5. R Sortin (7) 83
6 (3) 2042 FEATHERSTONE LAME 10 (V,CD,F.0) Miss L Sobble 5-4-3
(7) 2040 MARGE LAME 10 (V,CD,F.0) Miss L Sobble 5-4-3
(7) 20-0 MARGE LAME 10 (V,CD,F.0) Miss L Sobble 5-4-3
(7) 20-0 MARGE LAME 10 (V,CD,F.0) Miss L Sobble 5-4-3
(8) 00-00-2 SOTTOMEN 8 (CD,S.) P Pagels 4-9-0 S Drowns 96
8 CP 000-2 SOTTOMEN 8 (CD,S.) P Pagels 4-9-0 S Drowns 90
10 (10) 0-0-0 STEPHENSONS ROCKET 14 (D,F.6,B) R Paley 8-6-12
A Cadique 90
11 (4) 0308 SOUTHERN COMMISSION 34 (CD,S.) Miss J Casa 9-6-5
12 (1) 4-30 DAAMEERA 81 (B,D,S,S) P Howing 7-8-2 J Debras 86
13 (6) -085 TIME TO PLY 43 8 Marray 4-8-0 J Ligan 5-1 Soloman, 8-1 Algar, Silk Cottage, 7-1 Fastimentone Lame, 8-1 Efficacy, Margie Lake, 10-1 olians.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAMERS: Mrs. M. Raveley, 12 womers from 51 numers, 23.5%, M. Johnston, 46 from 206, 22.3% M. Bell, 10 from 48, 20.6%, R. Guest, B. from 42, 19.0%, S. Woods, 9 from 51, 17.6%, W. Haggas, 6 from 34, 17.6%. JOCKEYS: D Sweezery, 7 mmers from 38 rides, 18.4%, Dane O NeIII, 7 from 39, 17.9%, R Muster, 4 from 23, 17.4%, R Lappin, 8 from 52, 15.4%, S Sanders, 37 from 295, 12.5%, S Washeurth, 15 from 127, 11.6%.

Leading Irish National Hunt jockey, Shane Broderick, is to be transferred to the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Dun Laoghaire for treatment to the serious injuries he received at Fairyhouse eight days ago. Broderick has been in intensive care in the Mater Hospital with neck and spinal injuries.

Southwell

Going: standard

5.20 (2m of 110yd) 1, RASCALLY (M Fouter, 8-1); 2, Dockmanter (A S Smith, 7-1); 3, Cash Box (N Smith, 3-1 fav) ALSO RAN-9-2 Mattre De Musique, Cit Habris (4th), 5 Master Hyde (f), 20 Master Of Troy (5th), 25 Allerby (6th), 100 Mullinger 9 ran. 41, 54, 21, 244, 261 Mass I, Seddal, at Tackaster Tote £8.10 £2.20, £190. £1.20. DF-220 40. Tide £37.50 CSF £33 15 Tneast £181 96

Placepot: 283.00. Quadpot: £25.60.

Going: standard
2.15 (71) 1. Water Garden (M Hills, 7-2); 2.
Mr Paradise (5-1); 3. Honouseble (7-4 tay)
9 ran. Sh hd, 114; G Wrang, Toter £4.70,
£1 10, £3 00, £1 10, DF. £19 80 Trio.
£5 70, CSF £19 49
2.45 (57) 1. Julia's Relative (R Firench,
11-10 tay), 2. Bon Guest (7-2); 3, Sharp
Holly (20-1) 8 ran 1347, 4f. R Guest, Tote:
£1 90; £1,00, £2 10, £5.90 DF £3.60 CSF
£4.68.

24.05.
3.15 (im) 1, Sibersen (S Whitworth, 12-1),
2, Young Annabel (11-1), 3, Begehot (9-1);
4, Noble Canoma (20-1), Square Deal 7-1
lay 16 rat, Nik, 37 P Howing Tota £14.90,
£23.20, £21.10, £1.20, £2.50, £7 £6.90
Tot. £366 70. CSF: £135.27. Tricast
£1,171.47

3.45 (7) 1. The Barnsley Balla (O Pears, 7-1), 2, Desert Invarier (6-1 fazt, 3 Cats Bottom (7-1) 15 ran, NR. Sacet Mass 4, 21/1 J Eyns. Tota, 25-40 £1-90 £2-50 £1-30. OF: £30.00. The £37.00 CSF: £41.08.

4.15 (1m 4) 1, Grand Cru (D Denby, 15-2); 2, Pitarly Dencer (9-4 tav); 3, One Off The Reit (3-1) 10 ran NR Cerrolis Marc. 11/1, 34, IR Creopys Totes 10 00; 22:30, 21:10, 22:30. DF 19:20 Tno: 19:40 CSF: 123.41

14.45 (Im 30) 1, Brockure Line (A Cushare, 11-2); 2, Touchtrigo (7-4 fax), 3, Bonne Ville (11-1), 11 ran, Nk, 3) Mrs M Reveley Tote: 28 (0, £1.80, £1.60, £2.70, £5.11.70) Tdo: £15.160 CSF £15.45, Tncast, £102.38

Jackpot not won (peel of £21,484,67 cerned forward to Nottingham today).

Placepot: £17.20. Quadpot: £19.30.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Castle (pu), 20 Storm Alive (6th), 33 Turnlin Out (pu), 66 Seymour Fiddles (f), 100 Hula (bd) 12 ran 8, 51, 191, 394, dist. Mrs C Johnston at Pentith, Tota: 68 10: 52.50, 51 10, 52.30, DF: 58 50 Trio: 58 40, CSF-\$14.84.

£14.84.
3.00 (3m 1/1 ch) 1, REAL TONIC (Captarn A Opden, 5-2), 2, Tall Measure (8 Storey, 14-1), 3, German Legend (J Burke, 16-1) ALSO RAN 10-11 lav Coqui Lane (1), 10 Marraca, 14 Miss Colette (5th), 25 Cool Weather (4th), 33 Fine Tune (6th), 8 ran, 91, 201, nk, 1 kl, dist, G Richards at Greystoke Tote: £3.10; £160, £310, £2.10 DF. £28.10 CSF; £31.88.

3.30 (3m 1; ch) 1. ASK ME LATER (G Cahill 3-1 lav); 2. Nijway (B Storey, 9-2); 3. Hurricane Andrew (N Smith, 30-1) ASS PAN 7-2 Gale Ahead (Shi), 5 Barniown Bill (8th), 13-2 Wheat Fettle, 14 Forward Glen

RICHARDENANS

Nap: SHAWM (4.00 Nottingham)

New best Chadwell Hall

(3.30 Nottingham)

(4th), 33 Festival Fancy (f), Snook Point (pu), 9 rem 41, 1¼1, nk, 61, 3½1, Mrs S Bradibume at Cuper Tote: £3 50; £1.10, £2 30, £6 00 DF £3.70, This: £57.50, CSF:

230, 55 to 0 = 23.0, Ino; \$57.50, CSF: £15.01 Thicast. £200 52.

4.00 (2m 110yd hd/e) 1, WELL AP-POINTED (G Lee, 2-1), 2, Killbelly Boy (C McGormack, 7-1); 3, Done Well (B Storey, 11-10 fee), ALSO RAN. 9-2 Actination (4th) 4 ran. 2, 171, 30 IB Mactaggart at Hernol. Tote £240 DF: 93 (0, CSF: £12.14.

4.90 (3m 1/ch) 1, NOW YOUNG MAN AM

4.30 (3m if chi 1. NOW YOUNG MAN (Av C. Wilson, 13-2); 2, Royal Jester (Nr C. Sicrey, 13-8 fav); 3, Kushbaloo (Mr A. Parker, 5-2) ALSO RAN; 4 Dark Dawn (4th), 8 Little Wentock (pu), 5 ran. Int. 22-1, 191. Mrs A Swinbarth & Richmond Tole 19 30, 26 10, 11 00 DF; 11 30 CSF.

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THUNDERER

2.00 Kickonsun

3.50 Chadwell Hull 4.00 MARCH CRUSADER (nap) 2.30 Mishrask 3.00 Tairebeh

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 BERNARDO BELLOTTO (nap). 3.00 Silent Miracle, 4.00 Shawm

GUIDE TO OUR PACECARD

0-0432 G000 TMES 74 (CD.SF.F.G.S) (Mrs D Robinson) 8 Hall 9-10-0 doen. 8 — Brought norm. 5 — sequent up. n.—
rebused. D.— disconsilied). Horse's norm. Days
since last quiring. J if larges, F if last. (3—
blimbars, V.— visce. H.— hood. E.— Eyesheld.
C.— course within. D.— disbaces visces. CD.—
The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 LANGWITH SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,985: 1m 1f 213yd) (15 runners)

BETTING: 7-2 Monor Four Sport, 4-1 Riscatto, 7-1 Spoundalists, 10-1 Rochus, Foulish Flutter, 12-1 Miss Barcelons, Canifol Frank, 14-1 others Long handicup: Mecbrie 7-5. Patrick 7-1. 1996: ESPERTO 8-1 G Bardwell (7-1) J Pearce 15 ras.

FORM FOCUS

ROCHEA 15: 10th of 18 to Freedom Chance at leading term (i.e., goad is term) SPUNDUUCUS 12: 11th of 12 to Court Youry a handicap at Warnstot (i.e. and i.e. and i.e.

2.30 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CONDERHILL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,204: 5f 13yd) (10 runners)

1998: WEET EES GERL, 8-9 L Detton (14-1) P Enton 5 up FORM FOCUS

Phot is marden at Kempton (St. good) with TIPPTT 507 that are St. good) with TIPPTT 507 that are St. AKESET floated Feb 6, cost 42,000 (grs.). Heathbright warmer over burdens durn unusual budget warmer in Baly 30,000 (grs.) 14-1 brother by kng Socialy to several winners here and about all licitations (St. grant) auction maiden at Licitation (St. grant) auction selection: BERMARDO BELLOTTO

3.00 FLYING HORSE MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0 fillies: £3,359: 5f 13yd) (7 runners)

SETTIME: 2-1 Sweet Maracle: 3-1 Tajratoti, 4-1 Mounte, 5-7 Lamortia, 8-1 Swep D'Antibus, 10-1 Confectuli, 33-1

1996 SPLICING 8-11 M Helis (3-1 fav) W Hagges 10 ran FORM FOCUS

ACMATIC CUEEN 23 7th of 8 to Dast Dancer in availers at Lecesson (77, good to fam). CORRECTULI downs \$1 4th of 7 to Male High an auction residen recer causes and distance (good to fam).

LAMARITA about \$1 4th of 11 to Wee Darm in auction maiden at Follectone (61, good). SANG

UNATIBES 35| last of 9 to Al Mustlem or maiden at Catherick (57, good). SLENT MERACLE 114| and coess and distance (62, good). SANG

Selection: SLENT MERACLE

☐ Walter Swinburn returns to the saddle at Nottingham today. The three-time Derby-winning jockey rides Spy Knoll for Michael Stoute in the Lowdham Maiden Stakes. Swinburn delayed his start to the 1997 season until the completion of a court case.

#### 3.30 BASTHORPE HANDICAP (£3,382: 6f 15yd) (22 runners)

(5) 05-5330 WILL DO 15 (A Smith) M Me 6-0094 90/897 THE TRIMPET 13 (9) (Mrs. J. Nichols) A Spette 8-8-11. A Howin (3) 00/990- MARSE MELOVY 182 (First Clames Recing) J Spentrag 4-8-10. J Wichols 0 Steer 6-6-10. 4-8-10. B Corner 3-4 MAGAZINE GAP 47 (Mrs. A Smotiss) Ph Michael 4-8-9. Amptide Salviers (5) 000- 949 RSIESEZ 181 (Mrs. Spentragil) P Folgrin 4-8-1. R Fisherb (7) 000-04-3-3 COLLECK MOHT 13 (Jis C Dennett C Dwyer 5-8-0. M Varley 074-95-3 COLLECK MOHT 13 (Jis C Dennett C Dwyer 5-8-0. M Varley 074-95-3 COLLECK MOHT 13 (Jis C Dwyer 5-8-0. Mrs. D Microsoft (7) 0-00000 MAYSIMP 34 (Mrs. J Chrimes) B Baugh 4-7-12. P Carries (7) 100000- Mass CAROTTENE 141 (O.S) (M Ryam M Ryem 4-7-11. G Bandwell 6-5-10. J Branchell (6) 

Long bandicap: lote Debt 7-7 BETTIME: 7-1 Farma Again, 8-1 Pointer, 10-1 Chapteril Hall, Magazina Sap, 12-1 Cross The Border, Sing With The Band, Sound The Truppet, 14-1 others. 1998: TYMEERA 3-8-13 T Sprain; (14-1) 8 Poiling 22 cm

FORM FOCUS

WILL DO 241 3rd of 8 to General John vi assisted handscap at Southwell (AW, 71) on passisted start.

CHADWELL HALL neck 2nd of 14 to Daswe in bandscap at Southwell (AW, 50) SING WITH THE BARD 741 8th of 13 to Napoteon Star in handscap at Catteriot (71, good). SOUND THE BARD 741 8th of 13 to Napoteon Star in handscap at Warnets (51, good to farm) POINTER about 141 8th of 13 to Esclere Prophets in handscap at Warnets (51, good to farm) GORETSIO 3461 4th of 15 to Start of 13 to 61 La Fligh in handscap at Warnets (61, good to farm) GORETSIO 3461 4th of

4.00 LOWDHAM MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £4,219: 1m 54yd) (18 runners)

(3-Y-O: £4,219: 1m 54yd) (18 runners)

501 (16) FINAL WARRING (E Carter) J Banta 9-0 M Wighten
502 (3) GOLD CUPPER 160 (F Asmi) M Ryan 9-0 N Day
503 (17) LATALDHME (Relationar) M Richardson (F Asmi) M Ryan 9-0 N Ryan
504 (5) MARICH CRUSADER (Maldoum at Maldourn) B Hambary 9-0 W Ryan
505 (16) MARICH CRUSADER (Maldoum at Maldourn) B Hambary 9-0 W Ryan
506 (8) MAMARS (F I Maldourn) R Armstrong 9-0 M R Dobrat
507 (7) MOBEL LAD (J Hambar) J Denlog 9-0 T Spratia
508 (4) DCAM 161 (Maritas) G Wagg 9-0 M R Dobrat
509 (11) B PEN RUSRO 12 (B Haggas) W Haggas 9-0 R Cochrame 78
510 (6) 500338- SELECT CHOICE 169 (I First) A Janta 9-0 W J O'Cannor
511 (1) SHAMM 160 (Shelin Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 K Fallon
512 (12) SHAMM 160 (Shelin Mohammed) D Loder 9-0 K Paring
514 (10) G-WILD CITY 318 (A As) B Harbury 9-0 M R Remote
515 (2) C EPWORTH 165 (B Farr) J Glover 8-9 G Carter 91
516 (18) RECKLESS (J Blands) J Striks 9-0 J Stack
517 (19) SILVER LUBBLE 344 (Caterro And Haldrin) B Pelling 8-8 D Holland
518 (2) TOP JEM (J Malposs) M Ryan 8-9 J Stack
6 Barthred
6 BETTING: 3-2 Shallown, 4-1 Shamm, 8-1 Say Knot, 10-1 Mohal Lad, 17-1 Marnaric, Salect Grosse, 14-1 olihoos
1996: Hight BAROOUE 3-0 J Red (7-1) P Chapple-Hyam 12 can 1996: High BAROQUE 9-0 J Reid (7-1) P Chapple-Hyam 12 am

FORM FOCUS

GOLDCLEPPER 33I faz of 13 to Mandalak in maiden at Varmouth (1m., good) OCCAM 61 4th of 72 to Reisse To Lose in auction maiden at Leicester (61, good).
SELECT CHOICE neek 2nd of 12 to Serobrung in socious maiden at Folkestone (71, good in soli).
SHAWMI 644 3rd of 17 to Happy Valentine in maiden at Varmouth (71, good). SPY SHOLL 541

Although 12 to Our People in maiden at Leicester (1m., good).
SPLOREST (61, good). SPW DECLEMENT (11) that of 15 to Californ Gardin in maiden at Douccaster (1m., good).
SALVEN JURGEE (71 Sin of 7 to For Old Times Salve in selfer at Southwell (AW. 50).

4.30 LANGWORTH APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,008: 1m 54yd) (18 runners)

BETTING: 6-1 Eurobax Boy. 7-1 Outcess Straffer, 8-1 Lagend Of Aragon, Shouldbegrey, Return To Brighton, Arami, 10-1 others. 1996: MAPLE BAY 7-9-8 Angels Gallimore (4-1) A Belley 13 ran FORM FOCUS

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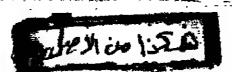
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# Oliver Holt meets Andreas Moller, the destroyer of English dreams

# Demon aims to torment Red Devils

atthias Sammer, the European Footballer of the Year, is sitting at a small, plastic-topped table reading a newspaper, Karlheinz Riedle is standing in a corridor signing the last of a long row of autographed footballs that are lined up on a rack and Steffen Freund is pulling on a tracksuit top ready for training. In another corner of the room at the Borussia Dortmund training camp. Andreas Möller has nis hand on his heart.

Möller is beating the palm of his hand against his chest in rapid movements, trying to show how his pulse was racing, how the adrenalin was pumping, on that balmy London night nine months ago when he fired Germany's sixth penalty high into the England net and ended a nation's hope that the European championship trophy was "coming home". To an English ear, his recollections still sound like an executioner's song.

"When Köpke saved Gareth Southgate's penalty, my heart started beating very fast," Möller said, "and it seemed like a long time until I put the ball on the spot. In those seconds, I just kept saying to myself 'you are going to score'. Then, when it went in, it was a strange, wonderful thing. I just felt free.
I did not speak to Southgate

afterwards, but I have seen the commercial with Pizza Hut and I thought that was a great idea. I love that kind of sense of humour. Even the English people I met on holiday in Majorca after the finals were laughing with me about the penalty and wishing me good luck for the future. I met the Aston Villa chairman there and he gave me his

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Providing that the muscle spasms in his legs that have forced him to consult a specialist in Frankfurt do not keep him out of the game, Möller will try to destroy another English dream tomorrow night. In the absence of the missended Sammer sence of the suspended Sammer, Möller will be the key player in Borussia Dortmund's attempt to establish a commanding lead over Manchester United in the first leg of their European Cup semi-final.

He is disappointingly likeable and unreservedly modest for a man who has risen almost as high as Diego Maradona and Ronald Koeman in the ranks of English international football's demonology. His strut towards the Germany fans after the penalty shoot-out at Wembley with his shorts hisched up high was as much a symbol of England's exit as

Southgate's despair.

Worse still, for those who would love to hate him, he is a confirmed Anglophile, an admirer of our culure, our humour and our footballing



Möller faces the Germany fans after scoring the penalty that took his country into the final of the European championship last July

sportsmanship. The game is strong but fair in England," he said. "You lose a game and everybody still shakes hands at the end."

Tomorrow, that will count for nothing. Möller's career has been sprinkled with honours, from the World Cup win in 1990 to being part of the Juventus team that won the Uefa Cup in 1993 to helping Dortmund win two consecutive Bundes-

liga titles. Yet he wants still more.

The midfield spielmacher, or playmaker, of the team, he usually occupies a position just behind the front two of Piedla and Symbol. front two of Riedle and Stephane Chapuisat, breaking quickly from midfield, invigorated by the cheers of

the partisan crowds he says were one of his main reasons for returning to the Bundesliga from Serie A.

This season, together with Sammer, he has inspired Dorumund in their chase for a third successive title. Their 2-0 home win in a Ruhr Valley derby with VfL Bochum on Saturday moved them up to second in the table, three points behind Bayern Munich. When the team trains, usually in front of more than 1,000 fans at a new, purpose-built facility, it is these two men whose names the supporters call out.

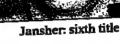
Möller, 29, who cost Dortmund more than £3 million when they brought him back from Juventus,

says that both ties will be close, that Dortmund will suffer from the loss of Sammer but that they will not be disavantaged by having to play the home leg first. More than anything, he is keen to stress that this is not Andreas Möller v England - part

This is not the same," he said.
"Manchester United is different.
Before it was the national team, but now this is Borussia Dortmund, No one has even joked with me that I must do to them what I did to England. That is finished now. In football, things move on every day; every day brings a new situation. What is important about this

meeting, though, is that, apart from Bayern Munich and Aston Villa, I can hardly remember a German team and an English team playing against each other in European club competition. Both Manchester United and Borussia Dortmund have been very strong in the last five years and I think, for European football, this will be a great semi-final.

We have a chance this season to win our third successive Bundesliga title and we know that Manchester United are at the top of the Premiership again. These two games will be very hard and very strong. It is 50-50 to see who goes through. I do not see



made me work harder, but Peter played the best squash I have seen from him and I won only because I was strong mentally and physically for the fifth game.

"If I had played as badly as I did in the semi-finals against Ahmed Barada, then Peter would be British Open champion today.

Played in front of an excited crowd that was willing Nicol on - although with the usual vocal Pakistani support that Jansher attracts wherever he plays - the match was a fast, thrilling spectacle, slightly marred by the apparent determination of Brian Gurnett, the referee, to control Jansher's increasing tendency to linger marginally in the path of his opponent and to

widen his racquet swing. Gurnett called 32 penalty strokes, 83 lets and 16 no-lets. "He also gave Peter strokes while I was getting lets," Jansher said. There were so many in the fourth game I gave up and concentrated on winning the fifth."

In the women's final at Cardiff, Michelle Martin won her fifth successive title by defeating her Australian com-patriot, Sarah Fiz-Gerald, the No I seed and world champion. 9-5, 9-10, 9-5, 9-5 in 66 minutes.

#### TODAY'S FIXTURES.

SQUASH

Nicol earns

Jansher's

praise after

marathon

By COLIN McQUILLAN

JANSHER KHAN'S VICTORY

over Peter Nicol in the final of

the Leekes British Open championship in Cardiff late

on Sunday evening may have

been the most statistically

significant match in the 67-year history of the game's

greatest tournament.
Nicol, who celebrated his

Nicol, who celebrated his 24th birthday by reaching his first final, had never before advanced beyond the first round. "My greatest delight is in having broken a five-year jinx that may allow me to treat the British Open as the highlight of the year instead of a dreaded threat," the left-bander from Inverturie, in

hander from Inverurie, in Scotland, said, "But I should

have won it to make it perfect."

Jansher won 17-15, 9-15, 15-12, 8-15, 15-8 in 126 minutes.

It was his sixth successive

victory in the event and the

longest match that the Pakistani, 27, could recall in his ten-year career on the Profes-

sional Squash Association (PSA) World Tour, It was also

the first time that he had been

forced to a fifth game in a

The 15-point American scor-

ing system was adopted by the

PSA as much to reduce the workload on players as to

increase entertainment, yet the longest match on record, between Jahangir Khan and Gamal Awad at Chichester in 1983, was played under the standard international nine-

point, hand-in and hand-out scoring system and lasted only

20 minutes longer than the

This was not my toughest

British Open final," Jansher

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# Hoddle backing United to | League chairman urges make final breakthrough

FROM OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN DORTMUND

THE Manchester United are just two examples of ) team arrived here yesterday to begin preparations for the first leg of the European Cup semi-final against Borussia Dortmund tomorrow night looking happy and relaxed after the reprieve of Liverpool's loss to Coventry City in the FA Carling Premiership. They were warmed, too, by some timely words of encouragement from Glenn Hoddle,

the England coach. Hoddle, who believes that the national squad is already benefiting from the European experience gained by players such as David Beckham, David May, Nicky Butt and Gary Neville, thinks that United have learnt from their reverses against Juventus earlier in the competition and that

they can lift the trophy.

You learn more from the downsides than you do from the peaks." Hoddle said. "Uni-led have done that by bouncing back from the defeats against Juventus and they have grown in stature. If they played Juventus in the final this season, it would be closer than close because United will feel they are an improved side and have a much better opportunity of beating them. "Beckham and Gary Neville

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his Chamber had not prevented him."

players who have grown and learnt very quickly this sea-son. I think United will win the Premiership and, whatever happens in Europe, I think this season's experiences abroad will make them better equipped to win the Champions' League next season.

They have a good chance of getting to the final this season, but next season it should look ever better for them. They have got other youngsters like Solskjaer who looked out of their depth in their earlier performances, but who have grown into the role now and who are ready for anything." The United players arrived



at Düsseldorf airport yesterday afternoon before making the hour-long coach journey to their hotel here. They will train today to face a team that won the Bundesliga derby against VfL Bochum on Saturday but had their most influential player, Matthias Sam-mer, sent off, Sammer, the European footballer of the year, is already suspended

from the match tomorrow. "Having Sammer out is going to be a hell of a blow for Dortmund," Hoddle said. particularly the fact that they have lost him for the home leg. That is where they would have been looking for him to break out from the back and cause United problems. They rely on him and he is effective in everything he does. With him out, I have a gut feeling that United can come away with a

"It is all about getting everyone to perform together for one march and I think they will be in Dortmund with the same attitude they took to Porto. They showed maturity there in the second leg and weathered the early storm. They did the job out there without really leaving third gear and that will give them SPORT IN BRIEF

# clubs to help themselves

By Russell Kempson

DAVID SHEEPSHANKS, the chairman of the Football League, was elected just three months ago, yet launched an immediate offensive aimed at modernising the 72-club set-up that he had inherited. Yesterday, he appealed to his members to help themselves rather than indulge in mass self-pity. As the FA Carling Premiership wallows in its wealth. Sheepshanks, also chairman of lpswich Town, urged the

League clubs to look nearer to home for a solution. "It is only natural that we may cast a jealous eye at the fantastic riches of the Premiership." he said. "but it is not only the huge gap in income that Even more tangible and

damaging is the inflation in operating costs ahead of income growth. This is directly attributable to the knock-on effect of large salary increases paid in the Premiership, but our response must be to adapt in a positive and proactive

way. The League has appointed independent commissioners to examine every aspect of life in the lower divisions. They are expected to report their recummendations early next month.
"Whatever we generate cen-

trally needs to be augmented by stronger, more robust, individual units," Sheep-

individual shanks said. "We need to encourage greater self-reli-ance for clubs. We must address the key question of vaibility. We must seek to modernise, economise and maximise to make ends meet and to make profits for reinvestment." The League is also to continue lobbying in an effort to

retain its traditional place in the Uefa Cup for the winners of the Coca-Cola Cup, which is under threat from next season. In the Premiership itself, the war of words rages on about whether it should extend its season beyond May II. Manchester United have led the case for, with Alex Ferguson, the United manager, particularly passionate in his

With United facing a fixture backlog, because of their involvement in the European Cup, Ferguson has requested

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that they should be able to play their final fixture, against Newcastle United, after the rest of the Premiership programme has been completed. Bryan Robson, whose Middlesbrough side face similar problems, has backed United. "It's getting ridiculous," the Middlesbrough manager

said. "I would prefer to see the

eason extended.

However, Roy Evans, the Liverpool manager, yesterday supported the views of Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager. "It would be totally out of order for one club to play a game in isolation." Evans said. "You can't shift the goalposts at this stage of the season. You have to be fair to all clubs, big or

small." The grounds of Macclesfield Town, Kidderminster Harriers and Stevenage Borough, the leading clubs in the Vauxhall Conference, have been passed fit for League football next season.

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(a) A Mohammedan doctor of the law. In India. a

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SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Nxf71 Rxf7 2 Qgo+ Kf8 3 Rd8+ Ke7 and now White can win in various ways, the quickest being 4 Ridi and mate soon follows.

# Leicester dare not slip

TEN days after Joel Stransky removed Gloucester from the Pilkington Cup. the West Country club is faced yet again with the problem of how to close down the South African stand-off half when Leicester visit Kingsholm tonight in the Courage Clubs Championship (David Hands writes).

Stransky was suffering from a dead leg at the weekend when Leicester played Orrell, so, with another significant league game against Bath to be played on Saturday, they are relieved to have him available. Leicester, however, will be without two other leading players. Will Greenwood and Austin Healey. who are injured, as they continue their pursuit of Wasps for the title.

Cricket: India did their best to inject interest into the rain-ruined fourth Test match against West Indies in St John's, Antigua by reducing West Indies to 62 for three at lunch on the fourth day after Courtney Walsh had won the toss and decided to bat.

☐ A brilliant innings of 134 by Aravinda de Silva helped Sri Lanka to 251 for seven and a 51-run win over Sri Lanka that booked their place in the Sharjah Cup final yesterday.

Boxing: David Starie, 22, of Bury St Edmunds, makes his move tonight to join the top men in the British supermiddleweight division when he meets Sam Storey, of Belfast, at York Hall, Bethnal Green for the British title vacated by Joe Calzaghe.

# John Hopkins on the major obstacle to Briton's ambitions

# Faldo must master putting flaw

afternoon of the Play-Championship. only two golfers were left on the putting green. Greg Norman was one. The other, who kept well away and was intent on his own practice, was Nick Faldo.

A year ago, these men, who have won eight major championships between them, were the central figures as the sixtieth Masters came to its tumultuous conclusion. To win his third Masters, during which he three-putted only once, Faldo played what Peter Alliss describes as his finest competitive round. He converted Norman's six-stroke lead after 54 holes to a fivestroke victory of his own. It was one of the most sensational afternoons of golf seen at Bobby Jones's famous course.

Twelve months later, as they brushed up their putting at Jacksonville, Norman was unconcerned. "A little grease on a squeaky hinge usually fixes it up," he said. For Faldo, however, putting was a worry -

Of all the competitors at the Players Championship last month. Faldo was the second most accurate driver and the best at hitting greens in the required number of strokes. He was only the 64th best



putter, bowever. Often he con-cludes a round complaining, as he did after his second round at Jacksonville "I have played a lot of good golf. I must have had 20 good chances in 36 holes and took hardly any of them. My putting is killing me."

Faldo can control his drives and judge his shots to the green with so much accuracy that the emphasis has switched to his putting. As he has become more accurate in controlling the rhythms of his long game, so he has become less successful on the

greens.
"Nick does hit some weak
putts," David Leadbetter, who has helped Faldo to remodel his swing, said. "Sometimes he has too long a stroke and decelerates, and when he hits a bad putt he tends to pull it. A lot of times, he won't trust his instincts and frustrations creep in. He has to focus on the strike, to feel the ball on the face of the putter."

Much of the time that Faldo spent with Leadbetter last week was given over to putting. "His long game is a case of 'hey, that's good, let's hit the putting green'." Leadbetter said. "He has been experimenting with a new putting grip - putting his index finger of his left hand on top of the fingers of his right hand. We have tried other routines. A lot of it is psychological. Last year. I had him playing the course mentally before he left the practice ground. Putting is frustrating. It slaps you in the face all the time. How can you knock in a 30-footer one minute and miss a three-footer

In 1981, while practising for



Faldo's frustration on the greens surfaces at the Open Championship last July. Photograph: Ian Stewart

the Open at Royal St George's. Faldo said: "I want to know everything there is to know about this course. I want to think about it non-stop. I want to eat, sleep and drink it. I want to dream about it at night." Little has changed. Winning major champion-ships is his lifetime's work and winning six since July 1987 has made him the dominant golfer over the past ten years. He and Nick Price are the only men to have won three major championships in the Nineties.

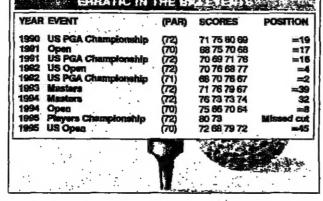
Yet a slight misconception has grown up around Faldo in major championships. Faldo is perceived to be "Steady Eddie", a reputation born when he had 18 pars in the fourth round of the 1987 Open. "Faldo is a 'hit it down the middle, get it on the green and hole the putt sort of player," Brad Faxon, the American Ryder Cup player, said. "He does not make mistakes. He does not miss fairways as I do. When he's hor, he is very good. He is not going to mess up on crunch time too much."

The facts suggest otherwise. Faldo does make mistakes, perhaps more often than he should and certainly more often than is realised. Look at his results in the four majors and the Players Championship in the Nineties:

1990: Joint-lifth after a first round of 71 in the US PGA, he then dropped 11 strokes in his next two rounds.

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1991: Faldo squandered a good opening round of 68 in the Open with a horrible fiveover-par 75 the next day. In the US PGA, he was near enough to John Daly after 54 holes to put pressure on the inexperienced American. He had a 76.

1992: A 70, a good start in the US Open, is followed by a 76, a very good third round of 68 by a 77. Just when he had a chance to strike for victory in the US PGA, he spoilt it with a five-over-par 76 in his third

1993: Second and third rounds of 76 and 79 ended his chances in the Masters.

1994: A 76 in the first round of the Masters, missed the cut in the US Open with rounds that totalled six over par and though a 75 in the first round of the Open was followed by three good rounds, there was

still a difference of 11 strokes between his lowest and high-

est rounds. 1995: An 80, eight over par, in the first round of the Players Championship and a 79, nine over par, in the third round of the US Open after opening rounds of 72 and 68.

This is not how Faldo is supposed to play. Musketeers such as Severiano Ballesteros and Arnold Palmer had scores like this when they were at their best. It was part of their appeal. Faldo is supposed to be metronomic, like Byron Nelson.

"Nick gets funny holes, like when he hit it up a tree at Pebble Beach and had a triple bogey at Baltusrol," Leadbetter said. "He loves to be in contention and when he is not, sometimes the fire goes out." These figures suggest that the

fire can go out when he is in Faldo will be 40 in three

months. He expects to remain competitive for some years yet. He is happy now that his private life seems to be sorting itself out and, as he has said: "You've got to be happy off the golf course to be happy on the golf course. It helps tremen-

Little has pleased him so much lately as winning the Los Angeles Open at the end of February, because the course where he averaged 26 putts a round is nicknamed Hogan's Alley. Faldo reveres the memory of Ben Hogan. In his mind's eye, Faldo sees pictures of Hogan tying for first in the 1955 US Open when 42 and nearly winning in 1960 when he was 47. He thinks to

himself: "I can do that." Faldo needs no reminding that Jack Nicklaus won the US Open, US PGA and Masters after he was 40 and that when Sam Snead slipped on the winner's green jacket at the 1954 Masters, he was 41. One more major championship would give Faldo seven and only Nicklaus, Walter Hagen, Hogan, Gary Player and Tom Watson have more.

"I have never got bored or fed up with golf." Faldo said. "I feel I have learnt so much over the past five years that I want to keep playing. I have a great knowledge of the game. Now is the time to use it."

FROM JOHN HOPKINS IN AUGUSTA

at Augusta National Golf Club in Georgia. Time: 9.30 yesterday morning. A gentle spring sun shines on three golfers practising hard. The bystander hopes it will improve their health, humour and golf. Once Masters champions, they are now, for different reasons, the sick golfers of Europe.

Ballesteros is attended by Butch Harmon, formerly Greg Norman's coach and now working with Tiger Woods. Ballesteros is depressed. He has missed the cut in all five tournaments he has entered this year and, for his ten competitive rounds, he is 30 over par. He withdrew from an event in New Orleans last week because of flu. The champion here in 1980 and 1983 now cuts a lonely, rather sad figure.

Next to Ballesteros is José María Olazábal, the 1994 champion, who has finished twelfth, fourth and first in his European events since February and seventh in New Orleans on Sunday, For these events, he is 41 under par. His driving is a little wild, his putting sometimes not so true, but he is categorised in the group because last year he missed the Masters because of

but a man who has been struggling to find any sustained form for some years. In due course, they leave the practice ground and, taking their putters, spend half an hour reacquainting themselves with the formidable speed and slopes of the putting surfaces they will shortly en-counter. And then they walk

again, is all over the place.

This is how the week of the 61st Masters began for the sick men of Europe. How will it TELEVISION CHOICE

# Battle of the vegetable plot.

Wild Britain: How Does Your Garden Grow? Channel 4, 3,00pm

Although this is a natural history series, tonight's programme will be of equal interest to gardeners and particularly those trying to sustain a vegetable plot against the ravages of pests. Thanks to modern photography these destroyers can not only be identified but blown up to several times their normal size. Slugs, snails, aphids, root-flies and weevils are all revealed in monstrous close-up. The story is not all one way. In similarly impressive detail, the film features the gardener's friends. It detail, the full features the gardener's friction in shows slow worms devouring slugs, ladybirds rucking into blackfly and hedgehogs eating snails. The commentary is forced to admit that the pests greatly outnumber their destroyers. But it still argues against using chemicals, which kill the useful insects as well as the pests.

#### Murder One

It gets complicated when the same show is playing on different channels, particularly when it is at different stages. Anybody who has been following Murder One on Sky since the beginning of the year will hardly want to start all over again on BBC2. But for newcomers the second helping of Steven Bochko's marathon trawl through the American legal system should prove just as watchable as the first. Ted Hoffman of the bald head has gone but most of the other characters return and the show has a new lawyer hero, played by Anthony La has a new lawyer hero, played by Anthony La Paglia. His first job is to defend a blousy young woman charged with murdering the Governor of California and his mistress. For those who found one case spread over 23 episodes a shade wearying last time will be glad to know that in the new series

#### Witness: Tottenham Ayatollah

Omar Bakri Mohammed is Britain's leading Islamic fundamentalist. He has called for a holy war against the United Kingdom and has promised that homosexuals, adulterers and fornicators will be stoned to death. He is not very keen on Jews, either, which is why it is surprising that he allowed Jon Ronson of that faith to make a



Omar Bakri Mohammed (C4, 9.00pm)

film about him. But despite his extreme views film about him. But despite his externe views Omar has a certain charm and the two men strike up a guarded rapport. Ronson even finds himself acting as Omar's chauffeur. Although the camera crew follows him over a year it is hard to know how seriously Omar should be taken. Many feel outraged that he preaches terror and revolution while living off social security. But when he calls for the immediate arrest of the Spice Girls, he seems more buffoon than a serious threat to the seems more buffoon than a serious threat to the state.

#### Network First: The Chicken Trade

Composer of the Week: Rosta

ITV. 10.40pm The programme is being completed too close to The programme is being completed too close to transmission to be seen in advance and in any case the sensitive nature of the material has made the production company, Granada, reluctant to release many details in advance. But the subject, paedophilia and child pornography, is not only horribly topical but deserves the sort of exposure that a responsible television documentary can give. The film highlights British paedophiles who prey on homeless and vulnerable children and follows a trall that leads from the streets of London to the hophels of Amsterdam. It confronts men who deal brothels of Amsterdam. It confronts men who deal in child pornography and shows how young boys are recruited into prostitution. Victims and are recruited fine products and there are interviews with police officers whose job is to catch the perpetrators.

Peter Waymark.

#### RADIO CHOICE

National Service: The Best Years of their Lives

For the darker side of the two-year spell of National Service which conscripts had to endure between 1949 and 1960, you had to watch last week's Army of Innocents on BBCl. In that documentary, there was little to choose between the blood and guts of the Korean war and the monstrous barrack-square tyranny of the Regimental Sergeant Major. In Radio 2's account of the National Service years, presented by ex-Private 22157741 Leslie Thomas, author of The Virgin Soldiers there is the odd reminder of the terrors of the parade ground and the warfront, but essentially, these reminiscences by former National Service squaddies such as Michael Aspel and Henry Cooper are of the lighthearted variety.

on with Steve Lemaco 8.30 Digital Update

6.00mm Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Lip to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruca 11.30 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Atan Freeman A new senes testuting choice cuts from the world of opera and popular classics 8.00 Nigat Ogden 8.00 Jb Dip Doo with Georgina Boyes 9.30 National Service: The Best Years of Their Lives, See Choice 10.30 Richard Alinson 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Stave Madden 3.00 Alex Lestar

#### RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00mm Morning Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme, Includes Racing Preview 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2,00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdal Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.25 The Tuesday Male Introduced by Simon Mann 10.00 Brian Hayes's Election Night 12.00 After Hours with Vincent Hanne 2.00em Lip All Night

#### TALK RADIO

5.00mm Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorrana Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00mm Ian Collins

#### however others were not. His choral work entitled The Vanities of Life, based on a passage from

Miklos Rosza. Hungarian by birth but international by design, is a name spoken with

respect, almost awe, by anyone able to rattle off a list of the good films that were made even better by his musical scores. Some of these are being presented by Roderic Dunnett in Composer of the Week. Today's selection includes his music for The Lost Weekend and The Naked City. But there is a less well-known side to Poera He composed many

less well-known side to Rosza. He composed many works for the concert hall. Some, such as his

Spellbound Piano Concerto, were film-inspired,

All times in BST. News on the hour 5.30am Europe Today 7.15 World Today 7.30 Policy and Prejudice 8.15 Off the Shelf 8.30 My Generation 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 A Cry in the Dark 9.30 Everywoman 10.00 Business 10.15 Marking of Hernlet 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 On Screen 12.30pm Policy and Prejudice 1.05 Business 1.15 British Today 1.30 Health Marters 1.30 Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Sport 4.15 A Cry in the Dark 4.30 Greenfield Collection 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business 5.45 British Today 8.15 World Today 8.30 Science Update 6.45 Sport 7.30 One Planet 8.01 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Megamix 10.30 Business 10.15 British Today 10.30 Merician 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sport 12.05am Outlook 12.30 Megamix 1.30 Ferming World 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Discovery 3.15 Sport 3.30 Merician Live 4.05 Business 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

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#### VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jone 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lea Rose

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Correll (Concerto Grosso in 6 minor, Op 6 No 8, Christmas); Tchalkovsky (Suite No 1 in D minor); Verdi (Ballet music, Macbeth); Mozari (Clarinet Concerto in A, K622); Uszt (Waltz on Two Motives from Donizati) & Lucia et Pansma); Pelestrina (Miss

strom Donizati's Lucia et Pansna); Palestrina (Miss Assumpta est Maria)

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gora. Includes Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 3 in Gj; Haydn (Piano Trio in C, HXV 21); Loswe (Archibald Douglas); Copland (Suite, The Tender Land)

10.00 Musicat Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page Includes Haydn (Symphony No 49 in F minor, La Passione); Liszt (Faux Follets, Transcendental Studies); Janacok (in the Mistl; Poulenc (Figure Humaine); Betsy Joles (EA); Beethoven (Diabetil Variations, Op 120)

12.00 Composer of the Week: Plozsa, See Choice 1.00pm BBC Orchestres: The Romentic Plano. Piers Lane Is the soloist in Glasgow-born Eugen d'Albert's Piano Concerto No 2 with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Martyn Brabbins Also the orchestral version of Lisz's Mephlisto Wattz No 1 and Tchalieovsky's Fitth Symphony

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2.25 Volces. The first of two programmes in which the Welsh tenor Dennis O'Neili performs songs by Vincenzo Bellini Accompanied by the planist Ingrid Surgenor (r)

3.10 Sounding the Century: Reclamaninov. The BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under David Atherion. Rachmaninov (Symphony No 1 In Diminor) (r)

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4.00 Spirit of the Age. Bayan Northcott and Michelene
Wander look at the influences of Penalssence and
Baroque music on Brahms's work (r)

5.00 Music Machine: Junk Week, with Luke Cresswell 5.15 in Tune, with Main Nicolson, Includes

5.15 In Tune, with Mairi Nicolson. Includes Shostakovich (A Spin Through Moscow); Seethoven (Vanations on an Original Theme, Op 76); Debussy (Suite, Children's Corner)
7.30 Vienna Old and New. Nicola Haywood Thomas introduces the first of three concerts given last year at the Point in Cardiff Bay. Frebird, conducted by Barne Webb Kurt Schwertsik (Serenade for octet, Op 30, Twillight Music); Isang Yung (Octet); Schubert (Octet in F. D803)
9.10 The Undertaking. In the second of five programmes, the American poet Thomas Lynch talks about his work as an undertaker in a small town in Michigan

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9.28 Beeth from Rotterdam. Ton Koopman directs the Amsterdam Baroque Choir and Orchestra in four of Bach's church cantatas in a concert given in Rotterdam's De Doeten Hall

10.45 Night. Waves. Richard Coles chairs a discussion on the life and writing of Primo Levi, Fellow writers and scientists talk about his fascination with the intersection of science and art

11.30 Composer of the Weets Amy Beach (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather talks to the lanor saxophonist Bobby Welfins

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 The Lindsay Quartet. Haydin (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Quartet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Countet in C, Op 50 No 2); Bartok (String Count

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10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Dary (LW) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murrary 11.30 Medicine Now. A weekly look at the weltare state Presented by Geoff Wats

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Lesley Riddoch

12.25pm Word of Mouth. Pusset Davies explores words and the way we speak, Includes a look at the actor Hugh Walters as he coaches aspiring performers who are keen to preserve the art of speaking poetly (2/6) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Books and Company, with John Walsh Includes a look at the authorship of the James Bond novels, which has passed to three different writers since the death of Ian Fleming (5/8) (r)

2.30 Kirl. Dame Kiri Te Kanawa talks to June Know-Mawer about her title and her music (r)

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3.00 The Afternoon Shift, with Daire Brehan, includes Simon Townley reflecting on the pittells of being invited to be the party plantst

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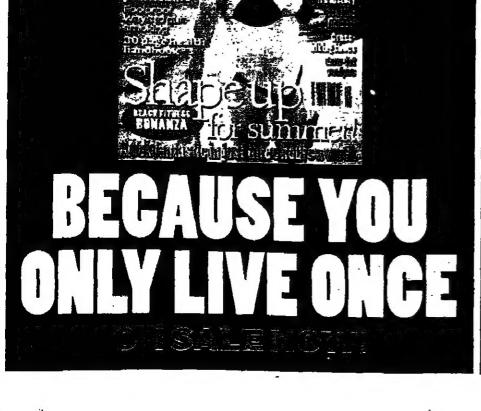
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Rosemary Leach, Nicola Pagett and Celia Imrie (4/6);
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 File On 4. In the first of a new series, Julian O'Halloran examines how much is lenown about the so-called "Gulf War Syndrome", after last month's criticism of the Ministry of Defence by a House of Commons Committee
8.00 Sclence Now. A weekly review of the latest discoveries and research in the scientific community. Presented by Anna Grayson (r)
8.30 The New Sequal Nature. Dr Giffien Rice explores our desire to find the perfect mate, something we share with the arimal kingdom (2/4) (r)
9.00 In Touch. News and views for visually impaired people Presented by Peter White
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.58 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Isabel Hitton
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Go-Between. by I. P. Hartley Read by John Rowe (2/10) (r)
11.00 Mediumwave. A look at the week's media events with Vincent Hanna (r)
11.30 Plain Tales from the Rhododendrons. The Britain in the decade after the ard of the Second

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World War (r)
12.00 News inct 12.27am approx Weather
12.30am The Late Books Going to Meet the Man, by
James Baldwin, Read by Paul Winfield (2/2) (r)
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1.00 As World Service

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## **Sick men of Europe** take different routes

On the left, Severiano

SCENE: the practice ground suspected rheumatoid arthritis in his feet. On the right is Sandy Lyle, the 1988 Masters champion,

the 25 yards to the 1st tee.

No matter how well Ballesteros and Lyle seem to strike the ball in practice, it is different the moment they reach the course. Sure enough, Ballesteros's first drive soars away to the right, clattering among spectators. He takes another and leaves it well short of a bunker on the right. On the 2nd hole, the stroke is similar. Ballesteros, once

Lyle is not much better. His tee shot ends in the bunker and he bangs his club on the ground in frustration. Only Olazabal looks in good form. His drive bisects the fairway, his second ends ten feet from

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ing new ideas. Happily there is an Documentary makers perform the valuable service of getting to grips with the consequences of policy, usually without the need to interview any politicians. Docu-mentaries at their best show us the reality of societal change, reach beyond the sound bites and the statistics and cast a light in dark

Two programmes on Channel 4 last night had more to say about two aspects of government policy over the past couple of decades than any number of Newsnight punch-ups or Panorama debates

ne of the distinguishing marks of the electoral slug-

played out on television is that

news and current affairs pro-

grammes are not very enlighten-

ing about the deeper issues. This is

mainly the fault of politicians, who

prefer scoring old points to explor-

ging match now being

Debate? Vox pop beats soap box every time and they did so through the simple expedient of letting involved

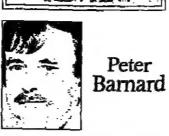
people speak for themselves. The leisnest example was Mrs Cohen's Money, a new series presented by the Barbara Windsor soundalike, Bernice Cohen. She is what we have come to recognise as a television natural, all flattened vowels and waving arms. If you had to guess how Cohen made £250,000 in seven years, you might say she did it from a barrow in a London market. In fact she did it at a somewhat posher market, the London Stock Exchange.

Cohen lost her life savings a few years ago in a publishing venture that went belly up. She sold the family home to pay off debts and set about buying shares, having decided that the Thatcherite call for a share-owning democracy meant the likes of her, if it meant

Cohen would be quite interesting as an ordinary investor, but she is fascinating as an investment campaigner. She does not think much of the actual outcome of the 1980s rush to make shareholders of us all. She points out that most people who bought into the privatised utilities simply sold shortterm and never returned to the market: only 25 per cent of share buyers went on to invest more

I ohen and others believe that the Stock Exchange cares ✓ about looking after big companies, not small investors. Keith Large, a stores manager from Leicester, has turned £5,000 into £30,000 in five years. He says: "It doesn't matter whether you've been to Harrow or Hackney High. The stock market is for everybody. Don't ever believe these big boys in the City who say you need thousands to start with. The reason they tell you that is because they don't want you there."

#### REVIEW



Large and Cohen are selftaught: they bought books, they read the financial press. Hopefully future programmes in the series will make it clear that the stock market is high risk, but Cohen is undoubtedly right in making the

Peter

core point that the stock market offers investors a far better potential return than the deposit accounts we are encouraged to use. If wider share ownership is a

decade, the National Health Service is one still very much in play. albeit scuffed and softened by crunching tackles. Channel 4 began a three-parter called The Surgery last night and very useful it is, too; politicians are so obsessed with patient throughput and other gobbledegook that it was a pleasant change to come upon doctors

The Robert Darbishire Practice in Rusholme, Manchester, is unusual in that it is run by Manchester University and the doctors are paid a university salary rather than being partners. But the overwhelming impression from the opening programme was that dedicated GPs in inner city areas are fighting a battle in which the stakes grow larger but the armoury is shrinking.

Dr Aneez Esmail is the head of

practice and he is under no illusions: "To believe that somehow as difference is just crazy. We're just firefighting, we're just trying to hold the fires from spreading. That's how I see my job.

This may sound defeatist but it simply recognises the reality. On the wall of his surgery. Dr Esmail keeps the famous poem in which Berthold Brecht describes a poor man visiting his doctor with a chest infection caused by damp housing. The doctor gives the man a prescription but says that what he really needs is a prescription for a new house.

The abiding memory from last night's programme concerns one of the doctors taking a child with a bladder disorder to a hospital to have the child admitted. The reception area is deserted, the desk unmanned. A bell is rung, there is no response. There is a series of conversations via some sort of buzzer with

political football from the previous doctors we're going to make a somebody in another part of the hospital. Still nobody arrives. Eventually the doctor has to go to see another patient, leaving the boy and his father at the desk. They might still be standing there.

And so to the vexed question of removing wax from silver candleticks. I know, it's a terrible worry. What you have to do is line a washing up bowl with foil, put crystals on the foil, mix with water and place the candlesticks... hang on a minute, I may have got that wrong, that may be the technique for cleaning silver

The Antiques Show (BBC 2) is a new series, presented by Francine Stock, which is full of useful tips. And I enjoyed the item on Bridget Beasley, who's filled every inch of her small contage with, er, junk over the past 26 years. Her dog weighs 12 stone but has never broken anything. He should try harder.

#### 6.00am Business Breakfast (33021) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (45779) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (8153427) 9.20 Style Challenge (3674392) 9.45 Kilroy (T) (2202040)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (80779) 11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4752175) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (T) (9295866)

11.35 Change That (6619040) ▲ 12.00 News (I). regional new and weather 12.05pm Call My Bluff Panel game with Sandi

Toksvig and Times columnist Alan Coren, hosted by Bob Holness (5071972) 12.35 Good Living Presented by Jane Asher 198022431

1.00 News (T) and weather (48866) 1.30 Regional News (50458175) 1.40 The Weather Show (39931663) 1.45 Neighbours (T) (61084773) 2.10 Quincy With Jack Klugman (r) (7766750)

3.00 Through the Keyhole Calabrity homes Alan Coren and Sian Lloyd (6359)

3.30 Mouse and Mole (9812934) 3.35 Pisydays (6118224) 3.55 Arthur. New series (6110040) 4.20 Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (r) (T) (5393382) 4.35 Pirates (T) (7539243) 5.00 Newsround (T) 5.10 The Lowdown Profile of ten-year-old, Romanian-born painter Alexandra

Nechita, whose carrieses sell for up to \$100,000 (T) (3130773) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (176243) 6.00 News (T) and weather (427)

6.30 Regional News Megazine (779) 7.00 Holiday Jill Dando returns to a childhood holiday resort in west Somerset, Neil Montssey goes to Jamaica, Fern Britton tries hot-air ballooning in Tuscany, Martin Bell checks out Croatia and John Holdsworth spends a bergain break in Picardy (I) (1040)

7.30 EastEnders ish comes face to face with a ghost from his past and Tiffany is relieved to finally hear good news from Grant (T) (563)

8.00 Children's Hospital A premature baby born at home is rushed to the emergency ward suffering from breathing difficulties, while twin sisters with heart defects undergo surgery (T) (7088)

8.30 Goodnight Sweetheart Gary and Phoebe pay a visit to wartime Liverpool (1) (6595)

9.00 News (T) regional news and weather 10.00 Rich Deceiver Drama about an ordinary woman who has an extraordinary stroke of good fortune With Lesley Duniop, John McArdle, John Salthouse and David

Yip (r) (1) (847330) 11.50 Harry in Your Pocket (1973) A comedy about a too of professional pickpockets who embark on a crime spree in Seattle. With James Coburn, Michael Serrazin and Walter Pidgeon. Directed by Bruce

Geller (T) (225514) 1.30am Weather (5464064)

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# The state of the s 6.00am Open University: Venice and Antwerp — Forms of Religion (2459953) 6.25 Wendepunke (2478088) 6.50 Composer and Audience: Tippeti

and Sondheim (1075525) 7.15 See Hear Breaktast News (T) (8253866) 7.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (r) (T) (4337021) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (T) (5839596) 8.20 Secret Life of Toys (r) (3321514) 8.35 The Raccoons (9057953) 9.00 Cartoon (2117359) 9.10 Enchanted Tales (r) (8875311) 10.00 Teletubbres (30359) 10.30 The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles (T) (1356682) 11.15 The Detectives (r) (T) (213327) 11.45 Cartoon (6260156) 12.00 See Heart (T) (95601) 12.30pm Working Lunch (22243 1.00 Secret Life of Toys (r) (95398430)

1.15 The Great Lie (1941, b/w) Oscar-winning drama, with Bette Daws, George Brent, Mary Astor and Lucile Walson A woman is griel-stricken by the disappearance of her husband. Directed by Edmund George 1961 16770) Goulding (26116779)

3.00 News (T) (7715040) 3.05 Campaign Roadshow (T) (9953175) 3.55 News (T) (6834224) 4.00 Blockbusters (6844601) 4.25 Ready, Steady, Cook (6854088) 4.55 Esther Servants in the 1990s (9913021)

5.30 Today's the Day (156) 6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (t) (166392) 6.25 Heartbreak High (T) (187156)

7.10 The O Zone With Blur, Supergrass, Robbie Williams and The Charlatans (i) (560514)7.30 From the Edge Election Special Politicians field questions from disabled

voters. Last in series (205) 7.58 Video Nation Election Shorts (970137) 8.00 The House Detectives The architectural experts visit Abbots Lodge in Ledbury,

8.30 Food and Drink Three carnivores from Newcastle accept the challenge to spend a week as vagetarians (T) (4137)



New boy LaPaglia (9.00pm)

9.00 Murder One New series of the legal drama. When former district attorney Jimmy Wyler joins Hoffmen and Associates as head of the firm he must defend a woman accused of murdering the governor of California. With Anthony LaPaglia (T) (6358243) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (76972) 11.30 The Kingdom (4/5) Surreal Danish hospital drama (113514)

12.30 Learning Zone: Open University:
Diagrams Solving difficult problems
(59335) 1.00 Catalysts Against Pollution
(56809) 1.30 Free Body Diagrams
(79248) 2.00 Language Season. Doing business in Spain and Germany (492-67) 4.00 BBC Focus: Using IT in GNVQ IT in the classroom (15625) 4.30 Film Education (60002) 5.00 Inside Europe (13606) 5.30 Film Education (49471)

#### 6.00am GMTV (6750088) 9.25 Chain Letters (T) (3682311) 9.55 Regional News (T) (2711798) 10.00 The Time, the Place (27885) 10.30 This Morning (T) (61171359) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (4425427) 12.30 News (T) (9898040)

12.54 HTV Crimesloppers (79414137) 12.55 Shoriland Street (9813359) 1.25 Home and Away (64275934) 1.50 Alternoon Live (58939804) 2.20 Vanessa (T) (42519993) 2.50 Afternoon Live

3.20 News (7723330) 3.25 Regional News (T) (7722601)

3.30 Polamus Park (r) (6269311) 3.40 Wizadora (r) (9827866) 3.50 Bimble's Bucket (7) (9816750) 4.00 Scoolby Doo (r) (5308224) 4.15 Hey Arnold (1) (8291682) 4.40 Are You Alreid of the Dark? (T) (8344682) 5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (1655311)

5.40 News (T) and weather (T) (319021) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (193446) 6.25 HTV Weather (206917) 6.30 HTV News (T) (175) 7.00 Emmerdale Chris drops a financial bombshell on Rachel (T) (3408)

7.30 30 The Learning Featuring a look at modern appenticships at the Rover plant in Swindon; a school in Taunton which promotes inclusive education for children with disabilities; a maths masterclass for Bristol secondary school pupils; and persuading teenagers not to drink and

8.00 The Bill Conway lears the worst when a teenager goes missing (T) (2156) 8.30 Loved by You Kate persuades Michael that they need a cleaning lady (T) (1963)



9.00 Peak Practice Erica's commitment to the Beeches is tested by her treatment of a single-minded career woman, her stormy relationship with Andrew and an exciting job offer. With Gary Mavers and Saska

10.00 News (T) and weather (90156) 10.30 Regional News (T) (812243) 10.40 CHOICE Network First The Boy Business The British paedo-philes who prey on homeless and

vulnerable children (T) (996514) 11.40 Blockbuster Entertainment Awards 1997 Hosted by Vanessa Williams with guest presenters Brenda Blethyn, Dennis Hopper, Charles Bronson, Patrick Swayze and Gabriel Byme (229330)

1.20 Dating the Enemy (4657719) 2.20 Stand and Deliver (5250118) 3.20 The Chart Show (1) (8677915) 4.20 Football Extra (r) (1230064) 5,00 Heirloom (r) (33460) 5.30 News (27227)

#### As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1,25 A Country Practice (9813359) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1655311) 6.25-7.00 Central News (435205)

7.30-8.00 Heart of the Country (359) 1.20em Collins and Maconie's Movie Club (7825880) 1.50 Film: The Chase (733606)

3.25 Football Edra (2552248)

5.20 Asian Eye (2501151) WESTCOUNTRY

4.10 Central Jobfinder '97 (1004538)

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7.30-8.00 Serve You Right Live (359) 5.00am Freescreen (33460)

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3.00 Short Stories (9069) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (953) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (208) 4.30 A Cook on the Wild Side (972) 5.00 5 Pump (4514) 5.30 Countdown (224) 6.00 Newyddion (717175)

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9.45 Etholiad 97 (732885) 10.00 Brookside (737798) 10.35 Dark Skies (974392) 11.30 Caroline in the City (500156) 11.55 Midnight Special (424717) 1.25am-2.25 Hill Street Blues (1302642)

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1.5\$ No Time for Tears (1957, b;w) with Anna Neagle, George Baker and Sylva Syms. Life in a large children's hospital Cyrli Frankel directs (T) (42930359) 3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (953) 4.00 Fitteen-to-One (T) (208) 4.30 Countdown (T) (972)

5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (4514) 5.30 Pe Rescue (r) (T) (224) 6.00 Friends The gang celebrate New Year (r) (T) (19108B)

6.25 Ant and Dec Unzipped Gladiator Jet, Diane Youdale is among this week's guests (176779) 6.55 Fresh Pop (303309)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (939866) 7.50 Thatcher's Children (980514)



Wild Britain: How Does Nature's vegetable patch battleground 8.30 Brookside Max and Susannah Irv to

hang on to Emily (T) (9205) 9.00 Witness: Tottenham Ayatollah A year in the life of

Omer Bekri Mohammed, Britain's foremost Islamic fundamentalist and revolutionary (T) (8427) 10.00 Daddy's Dyin' — Who's Got the Will?

(1990) A black comedy about a tamily of misfits returning home for the reading of miefits returning home for the reading of

their father's will. With Begu Bridges Beverly d'Angelo and Judge Rheinhold. Directed by Jack Fisk (856088) Animation (882791)

11.45 Piesticine People: Palmy Days 11.55 Midnight Special Discussion senes presented by Vincent Hanna (424717)

1.25am The Lion Has Wings (1939, b/w) with Meris Oberon and Raiph Richardson. A Second World War propaganda film tocusing on the role of ordinary men and women and the RAF in the run-up to the outbreak of war. Directed by Powell, Brian Desmond Hurst and Adrian 2.50 Conquest of the Air (1936, b/w). A

history of aviation. With Laurence Olivier directed by Alexander Korda (8465441) 4,00 Riders of the Dawn Spanish family saga. English subtitles (73118)

5.00 The Almost Complete History of the 20th Century General Haig's role in the First World War (r) (T) (7883606) 5.20-6.00 Backdate (r) (T) (4060625)

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7.30 Havakazoo For pre-school children (2002866) 8.00 Adventures (2620595)8.30 Wideworld Second in the series

exploring where the power lies within the Government of the United States (2629866) 9.00 Espresso Consumer magazine

(5629717) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6937866) 10.30 Hot Property (r) (T) (2632330)

6.00am 5 News Early (7982408)

11.00 Leeza Chat show (9869514) 11.50 Double Espresso (45433359) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful Los Angeles-based soap (2623682)

12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9514798) 1.00 Beach Sun and sand soep (6639408) 2.00 5's Company (7578773) 3.30 Black Market Baby (1977) with Linda Puri, Desi Arnaz Jr and Devid Doyle A drama about a young unmarried couple

and their battle to keep their baby. Directed by Robert Day (4517137) 5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14497243) 5.30 100 Per Cent. The hostless game show (1579601)

6.00 Whittle Audience participation quiz (T) 6.30 Family Atteirs Continuing the Hart family saga (T) (1567866)

7.00 Exclusive Entertainment news (1477750) 7.30 Serengeti Safari A look at the litestyle of the much-maligned hyena (T) (1558750)



Michael and Shakira Caine (8.00pm)

8.00 Fame and Fortune Following Michael and Shakira Caine as they build a penthouse apartment overlooking the marina at South Beach, Miami (1493798) 8.305 News presented by Kirsty Young and Rob Butler (1472205)

9.00 The Jigsaw Man (1984) with Michael Cake, Laurence Offivier and Susan George. Cold War espionage drama about a British agent who defected to Russia and is then sent back to Britain by his new masters on one last mission Directed by Terence Young (32104717) 10.50 Exclusive Extra (5384934)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy The guests are Peter Stringfellow and Ben Efton (1640309)

11.40 The Comedy Store Arthur Smith talks to the venue's first host. Alexi Savie. Clive Anderson reveals how he honed his stand-up skills. While Sean Meo, Bill Bailey, Curtis Walker and Ed Byrne ply their trade (2774972)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports maga-zine. includes indyCar action from Australia (63728183) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6799373) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5677354)

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8.00sm Morrang Grory (342427) 8.00 Regis and Kathes Lee (19232) 10.00 Another World (95798) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (75934) 12.00 Oprah Wintey (5982) 11.00 Sally Jessy Rephael (64330) 3.00 Jerny Jones (74156) 4.00 Oprah Wintey (53663) 8.00 Skar Trek. The Next Generation (5885) 6.00 Real TV (1175) 8.30 Married — with Children (2427) 7.00 The Surpcore (6514) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (1311) 8.00 Speed (2234) 8.30 Real TV UF: 1069) 9.00 Ficker Fernces (93779) 10.00 Unsolved Mystanes (98865) 11.00 Skar Schris Scott Torget (54392) 17.30 Skar Trek. The Next Generation (91717) 12.30sm LAPD Ned Generation (91717) 12.30mm (APD) (21557) 1.00 Hz Mox (6536002) SKY 2

7.00pm Superboy (4714069) 7.30 Superboy (3467866) 8.00 Xens Warder Physics (1839682) 9.00 Pacific Blue (1859446) 10.00 Mailbu Strones (180905) 11.00 Late Strow with Dawid Letterman (634427) 12.00 Ht Mb (8495890) SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week

SKY MOVIES 6.00cm Clean State (1994) (3440E) 8.00 Mosquito Squadron (1966) (55662) 10.00 Adolf Hitler My Part in His 10.00 Adolf Hitlers My Part in His Downfait (1972) (40663) 12.00 High Time (1960) 1282311) 1.50pm Heart Like a Wheel (1983) (4935595) 3.50 The Games (1970) (822865) 5.30 Dreamer (1978) (13750) 7.00 Claen State (1984) (85311) 9.00 Twins (1989) (934581 11.00 Strens (1994) (892040) 12.35am PCU (1994) (5990557) 2.00 Back to School (1966) (515489) 2.40 Police Rescue (1994) (44036650)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6,00am You Were Never Lovelier (1942)

2.00 Were Never Loveset (1994) (25750) 8.00 Escapade in Japan (1957) (53224) 10.00 Detective Story (1951) (48205) 12.00 Weman of Strew (1954) (76175) 2.00pm Three Women (1977) (68161224) 4.10 Escapade in Japan

(1957) (47970576) 6.00 Beauty and the Bandii (1994) (11311) 7.30 Special Feature (4)211 8.00 Blown Away (1994) (4999) 10.00 A Low Down Dirty Shame (1994) (461934) 11.45 The Most Desirad Man (1994) (505404) 1 Man (1994) Man (1994) (506494) 1.20em Trapped in Space (1994) (4013625) 2.50 Matewan (1987) (53926422) 8.65 OH on a Comet negation SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.00pm El Dorado (1967) (38278895) 8.10 Grasse (1978) (89021175) 10,00 Tequilis Surrise (1988) (3105035) 12,00 Breakout (1975) (9665064) 1,40am Friday the 13th (1980) (71,56422) 3,20-4,55 A Night at the Opera (1936) (6094731)

9.00pm Operation Crossbow (1965) (8365866) 11.00 Dark Victory (1939) (14836224) 12.50em Mildred Pierce (1945) (92347408) 2.45-5.00 Operation Crossbow (1965) (88569793) SKY SPORTS 1

7.00cm Sports Centre (25953) 7.30 Tartan Edra (44088) 8.00 High 5 (46972) 8.30 Racing News (45343) 9.00 Sports Centre (38995) 9.30 Aerobics Cr. Syle (72985) 10.00 Spanish Footbell (52021) 12.00 Aerobics (6359) 12.30pm Football Leeds United v Blackburn Rovers (58359) 2.30 NBA Baskelbel (43445) 4.00 Mountain Bildes Cectus Curp (9972) 4.30 Tertan Edra (5156) 4.59 Sports Centre (1985779) 5.00 Wresting Blast Oil (7589) 6.00 Sports Centre (6021) 6.30 Pool World Maders Wiresting: Blast Oti (7589) 6,00 Sports Centra (6021) 6,30 Pool World Maders (98175) 7,30 Hall of Fame — Sahators Schillacht (6865) 8,00 Boung: Storey v Starle — Live (46243) 10,00 Sports Centra (57068) 10,30 The Footballers' Football [37088] 10.30 (he Footballers Football Show (48296) 11.30 NBA Basketball (69176) 1.00mm Pool (56489) 2.00 The Footballers Football Show (28609) 3.00-3.30 Sports Centre (13731)

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7.30am Relly Red (39156) 8.00 NASCAR (92525) 9,00 Speed Skaling (80392) 11,00 Raily Raid (67363) 11,30 Football (97663) 12.30pm Sailing (78069) 1.00 Fun Sports (66224) 2.00 Football (41330) 4.00 Tractor Pulling (9)205) 5.00 Motorcycling (1576) 6.00 Touring Cai (96088) 7.00 Ding Racing (6165) 7.30 Live Board (11514) 9.30 Rally Rald (58205) 10,00 Football (4775) 11.30-12.30am Equestranism (24069) UK GOLD

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Faultless display of front-running secures decisive victory in restaged Grand National

Lord Gyllene gallops into history

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Shortage of funds puts Hickstead's future in doubt

LORD GYLLENE made a symbolic statement for racing and the nation yesterday when he led from the front and refused to be headed or denied in the rescheduled Martell Grand National.

Watched by a surprisingly large crowd of 20,000, which included the Prime Minister and the Princess Royal, the New Zealand-bred nine-yearold showed enormous courage and stamina to become the 1920 to make all the running in the 42-mile race.

However, it was his jumping of Aintree's unique 30 fences that cemented the wide margin of victory. He did not



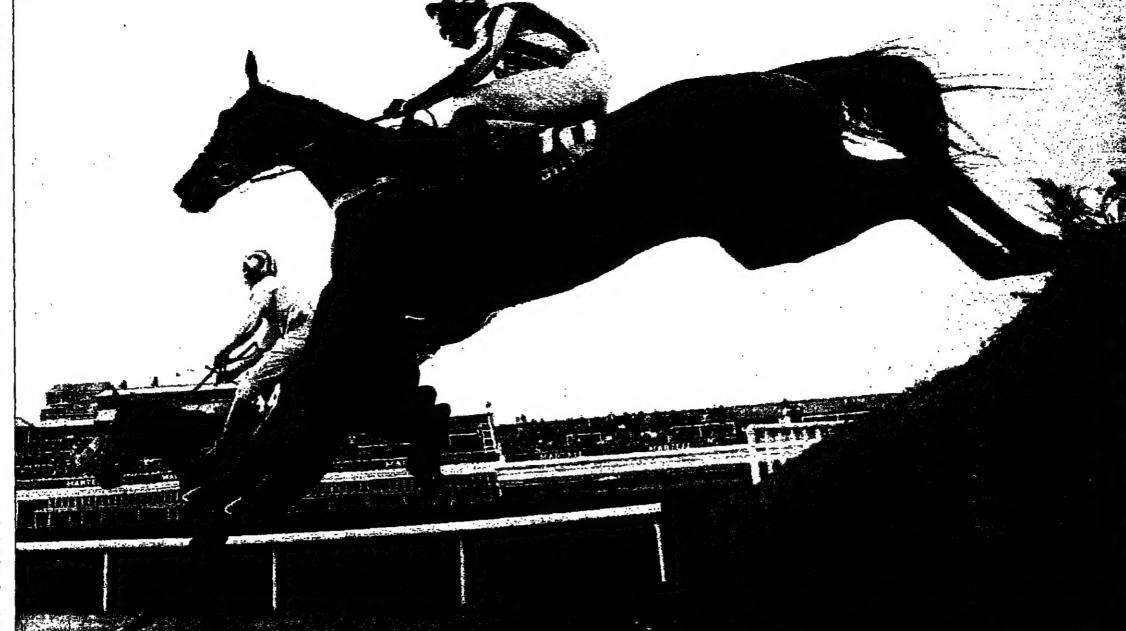
NATIONAL DETAILS

- 1 LORD GYLLENE.. 14-1
- 2 Suny Bay ..... 8-1
- 3 Camelot Knight... 100-1 4 Buckboard Bounce40-1

make a semblance of an error and the only danger was provided by a loose horse that threatened to force Lord Gyllene out of the race at the

water jump. home, Lord Gyllene and Tony Dobbin were free to forge away from struggling rivals. At the line, he was 25 lengths clear of Suny Bay, with a further two lengths back to Camelot Knight, a 100-1 outwho was sent off a 7-1 favourite, was pulled up two fences out, having nearly fallen at Valentine's on the second cir-

The Grand National invariably produces a fairy-tale and Jockey



Lord Gyllene (No 10) clears the water jump during his courageous performance in the rescheduled 150th Grand National at Aintree yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

Lord Gyllene's victory completes a rags-to-riches adventure for his owner. Stan Clarke, that offers hope to ning the world's greatest stee-plechase.

Clarke, 63, is a multimillionaire with all the trappings associated with such wealth. A member of the Chub, he owns

Uttoxeter and Newcastle race

went out and earned a living after my father became very ill when I was nine," he recalled in his moment of triumph. "At 15, I started an apprenticeship as a plumber."

After being turned down by the Army at the age of 21 due to his health record, Clarke became a plumber in the village of Barton-under-Needwood, where he still

Meanwhile, he set up St

"I've been around in racing for 35 years — and this is a very exciting moment for me. Aintree has all the magic of National Hunt racing. It is the greatest race in the world."

me so much of Red Rum.

is matched by shrewd judgment of those who attempt to ger the best out of horses. Steve Brookshaw, a point-to-point jockey since he was 14, first caught Clarke's attention as a rider before he went on to train hunters and point-to-

pursuit across the Irish Sea.

Indeed, his mentor was Jonio

relish of the good times. Both fitted perfectly yester-

streets outside, seven abreast and miles deep. Not all of

them, by any means, were

sweetly articulated by a young mother, clutching her two babies. "I was only going out shopping, and then I found this queue and I heard it was

By the time her vigil was

over and she joined the throng

inside, much of yesterday's early oppression had dissipat-

ed. At Illam, there had been the

atmosphere of a high security

prison; at 2pm, the band of the

free," she said.

pointers. However, the turning point came two years ago

Tweive months ago, Brookshaw sent out Rolling Ball to win the Foxhunters Chase over Aintree's National fences. The success with Lord Gyllene yesterday not only confirmed his ability as a trainer but helped to make up for the misfortune suffered by his uncle, Tim Brookshaw. In the 1959 Grand National, his leathers broke at Becher's on the second circuit and he

burgh, behind Oxo. This is my second season

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always thought Lord Gyllene would run very well because we know he stays the trip and he was carrying a lot less weight than in the Midlands National and the other trial he ran in. I take my hat off to all the management to be able to put it on because it was very disappointing not to do it on Saturday when the atmosphere was really buzzing." Having touched down in front at the first fence, Lord

Suny Bay and Smith's Band the first circuit, during which there was little change Band fell fatally at the twentieth fence - Straight Talk was also killed, at the seventh and Master Oats, the 1995 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, briefly looked a threat

Gyllene was shadowed by

**GOLF. 46** 

Can Faldo master

time for Augusta

his putting in

before tiring. And so Lord Gyllene behistory books. Not only did he succeed in the 150th running of the race; he won the most crucial Grand National of all

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Decision (8) 5 Philosopher, sounds like
- insincere talk (4)
- 9 One living in purchased house (5-8) 10 Group (of girls) (4)
- 11 Very last part (4-3) 13 A glass; stranger (6)
- 15 Follow (one) secretly (6)
- 18 Tell trustingly (7) 20 Wander at large (4)
- 24 Swallow hard (4)
- 23 From ages ago (4.3,2.4) 25 1012 (formerly 1018) (8)
- DOWN 1 Bird; castle (4) 2 Thick (5)
- 3 The Sage of Chelsea (7) 4 Find position of (6) 6 Liquorice-flavour plant (7)
- 7 Refuse; prepare bed for night (4,4) 8 Sacred Jap. mountain (4)
- 12 Label showing cost (5,3) 14 Least (adj.) (7)
- 16 Wounding (7) 17 Turn septic (6)
- 19 Orthodox sacred picture (4)
- 21 Defence of absence (5)
- 22 Paradise garden (4)

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courses, as well as a string of expensive racehorses. How-

lives, and started up a busi-

t had to happen: the Grand National that the

IRA threatened to bomb

was won yesterday, 494 hours late, by a man called Dobbin, who hails from Downpatrick

Tony Dobbin, 24 and with

schoolboy, led the 150th Grand

National, the very first on a

Monday, from start to linish

and it was just coincidence

that the horse, Lord Gyllene,

has a name resonant of the Emerald Isle. Lord Gyllene is

from New Zealand, that is

where his stamina and his

indifference to the wicked tamperings of this historic

event were bred, and the name

given to him at birth was

described by his owner, Stan

There were, mercifully, few

accidents and no incidents on

the day Aintree went open to

the public. The crowd, maybe

as many as 20,000, had per-

haps been attracted by the

curiosity, by the free entry, by

the symbolic statement of the

race itself, the statement

summed up by the Prime Minister: I think the whole

British nation wished to see

this race run, it is a message

that nobody can bomb Britain out of our national instincts,

our national habits. It is a

The presence of the Prime

Minister, arriving 40 minutes

before the off in a red helicop-

ter, and the return of Princess

Anne, who had been swiftly

spirited away on Saturday,

denoted the togetherness with

which the British wished to

signal their determination to

pursue the pleasures and the practices of life as our ances-

To be sure, the smell of

leather came within a ring of

steel: seldom, if ever, in this

tors laid them down.

clear message to the IRA."

Clarke, as "an accident".

in Northern Ireland.

Clarke gains particular pleasure from choosing his own horses, many of them from New Zealand, and Lord Gyllene reminded him of another Aintree legend when he first saw him on a video 18

country has a sporting event been attended by so many

armed police, by so much fear

and loathing and political overtone. The joy of racing came despite the dread of

disaster. And, in the event, the

real sadness was the authentic

chill that comes to many a National, the loss of two

horses, Smith's Band and

Straight Talk, fallers that died.

the 42-mile track had to compete with the chatter of

helicopter blades hovering

watchfully above. Referring

back to Saturday. Dobbin

said: "It's just shameful, it makes you ashamed to admit

you come from there [fre-

land)." He shook his head,

turned towards his girlfriend,

Vicki, and repeated: "It just never should have happened."

not talking about his taking a

place in the history of the

world's most demanding stee-

It is a sure bet that he was

The droning of hooves along

#### When Ginger McCain [the trainer of Red Rum] saw him. he told me I had a nice horse." A keen eye for equine talent

Nation's resolve unfettered by

Rob Hughes on the day that joy and

determination were the real winners

ring of steel around Aintree unnerving, the swirl of pipes trying to drum up atmosphere where it had expired on

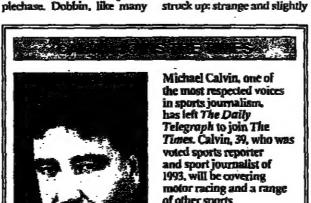
Saturday. Around the pipers, the in the sport, particularly the close-knit National Hunt varipolice were still completing their work, still sniffing ety. acquired his love of equine around flowerpots and platforms, including that beneath the new bust of Peter O'Sullevan. Where his com-O'Neill, who instilled in Dobbin a thirst for victory and a mentary had been closed down under emergency proceday with the mood of Liversilence on the telephone into pool. The people queued in the

the police command centre. In fact, Paul Stephenson, Assistant Chief Constable of Merseyside, admitted: "A number of calls have been received. They were evaluated and dealt with. I will not elaborate further, but we were not willing to compromise on the risk to anyone.

There had been two alerts in the morning, neither of them from the dreaded source. In truth, had a call come, indeed had there been ten warnings. Aintree's Grand National would have gone ahead yesterday at 5pm ... and, as a last contingency, every spectator in the stands the Prime Minister and the Princess Royal among them, would have been evacuated to the turf inside the racetrack. such was the determination of

all concerned. The longest face was that of an on-course bookmaker who claims that his bag, containing £2,000 in banknotes, had disappeared between Saturday and Monday. The happiest? It was a toss-up between Dobbin, the jockey from Downpat-rick. O'Sullevan, at last allowed a dignified final shout, and the bomb squad detectives, whose arduous work looked very much like wasted time. Oh, blessed waste, and blessed relief.

Michael Calvin, one of the most respected voices has left The Daily Telegraph to join The Times. Calvin, 39, who was voted sports reporter and sport journalist of 1993, will be covering motor racing and a range of other sports reflecting his wide



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